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Labor Market Review

TEXAS EMPLOYMENT COMMISSION OCTOBER 1987 AUSTIN, TEXAS 78778

UNEMPLOYMENT RISES SLIGHTLY

Total Statewide unemployment in the actual series increased by only 7,200 over the month, edging the unemployment rate upward from 8.3 percent to 8.5 percent in mid-September. The number of jobless Texans was estimated at 717,300, down 31,500 from the September 1986 level when the unemployment rate was 9.1 percent. Total employment in the actual series declined considerably over the month to an estimated 7,712,600 in September. Despite the decrease, the current total was still well above the year-ago level.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES
(In Thousands)

	Sep. 1987	Aug. 1987	Sep. 1986
United States (Actual)			
Labor Force	119,884.0	121,615.0	118,244.0
Unemployment	6,857.0	7,088.0	8,015.0
Percent Unemployed	5.7	5.8	6.8
Total Employment	113,027.0	114,527.0	110,229.0
United States (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	119,861.0	120,302.0	118,272.0
Unemployment	7,089.0	7,221.0	8,285.0
Percent Unemployed	5.9	6.0	7.0
Total Employment	112,772.0	113,081.0	109,987.0
State of Texas (Actual)			
Labor Force	8,429.9	8,590.1	8,227.2
Unemployment	717.3	710.1	748.8
Percent Unemployed	8.5	8.3	9.1
Total Employment	7,712.6	7,880.0	7,478.4
State of Texas (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	8,401.0	8,546.0	8,202.0
Unemployment	716.0	718.0	748.0
Percent Unemployed	8.5	8.4	9.1
Total Employment	7,685.0	7,828.0	7,454.0

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate also inched upward over the month, from 8.4 percent in August to 8.5 percent in September. The current and year-ago rates were the same in both the actual and the seasonally adjusted series for the State, as both were down from 9.1 percent over the year. Contrary to the Statewide trend, the National unemployment rates moved downward slightly in both series. The actual U. S. rate slid from 5.8 percent in August to 5.7 percent in September, while the seasonally adjusted rate declined from 6.0 percent to 5.9 percent. The Nation's rates in both series were the lowest since 1979.

NONFARM SALARIED JOBS TOTAL RISES SEASONALLY

The nonagricultural wage and salary employment total rose by 59,400 in September, as the re-opening of local and state schools and universities generated a large number of additional positions. In mid-September, there were an estimated 6,524,700 nonfarm salaried jobs in Texas, only 2,500 below the year-ago level -- the closest employment has come to its year-ago level in any month this year. Aside from the large increase in the educational sector, only manufacturing and trade registered growth in September.

The state and local sectors of government showed substantial gains over the month, as school workers were rehired for the fall semester. Government rose by 60,400, as

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	Sep.'87*	Aug.'87**	Sep.'86**	Sep.'87*	Aug.'87**	Sep.'86**	Sep.'87*	Aug.'87**	Sep.'86**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
TOTAL	50,300	49,100	49,800	78,200	77,600	77,600	357,100	347,000	361,900
Manufacturing	4,800	4,800	4,800	9,800	9,800	9,500	39,800	39,700	40,400
Mining	2,200	2,200	2,300	1,200	1,200	1,400	900	900	1,000
Construction	2,300	2,300	2,400	4,200	4,300	4,300	19,300	19,500	23,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,500	2,400	2,500	5,600	5,600	6,200	11,100	11,100	11,200
Trade	14,200	14,200	13,800	23,600	23,300	23,200	79,800	79,600	81,800
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,600	2,600	2,600	4,300	4,300	4,400	25,100	25,100	25,700
Services & Misc.	13,400	12,800	13,300	16,500	16,700	16,100	84,400	83,800	84,000
Government	8,300	7,800	8,100	13,000	12,400	12,500	96,700	87,300	94,400
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
TOTAL	127,400	126,600	129,600	57,300	56,400	57,100	64,900	64,500	65,400
Manufacturing	23,900	23,900	25,100	14,900	14,900	15,400	9,600	9,700	9,600
Mining	1,600	1,600	1,500	1,400	1,300	1,300	100	100	100
Construction	7,300	7,600	7,500	5,700	5,800	5,800	2,700	2,700	2,700
Trans., Comm., & Util.	9,400	9,400	10,000	2,200	2,200	2,300	3,000	3,200	3,200
Trade	31,400	31,600	32,300	11,100	11,100	11,300	17,400	17,400	17,900
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,500	5,500	5,700	2,100	2,200	2,100	3,400	3,400	3,300
Services & Misc.	28,300	28,500	27,700	8,100	8,000	7,800	13,900	14,600	13,400
Government	20,000	18,500	19,800	11,800	10,900	11,100	14,800	13,400	15,200
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS 2/		
TOTAL	46,600	46,200	48,400	126,800	125,600	130,000	1,306.6	1,298.6	1,341.5
Manufacturing	3,000	3,000	3,200	11,500	11,500	12,000	223.0	222.7	227.4
Mining	900	800	800	5,400	5,500	6,400	18.8	19.0	19.9
Construction	2,200	2,200	2,300	7,100	7,300	8,900	61.3	63.0	80.3
Trans., Comm., & Util.	1,600	1,600	1,700	7,100	7,200	7,100	87.5	87.3	86.7
Trade	10,600	10,800	11,300	34,000	34,400	34,300	350.6	350.5	357.6
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,700	1,700	1,700	6,800	6,800	7,000	129.6	130.4	134.2
Services & Misc.	8,000	8,000	7,800	27,600	26,800	27,000	289.4	288.4	289.9
Government	18,600	18,100	19,600	27,300	26,100	27,300	146.4	137.3	145.5
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
TOTAL	187,700	185,700	186,400	517,800	516,500	511,600	70,800	70,400	71,800
Manufacturing	36,800	36,700	36,900	116,500	115,200	114,100	9,000	8,900	9,200
Mining	100	100	200	3,400	3,400	3,500	400	400	500
Construction	9,700	9,700	10,400	29,900	31,200	30,400	3,300	3,300	3,800
Trans., Comm., & Util.	10,200	10,200	9,800	28,400	28,200	26,800	4,500	4,400	4,800
Trade	45,500	45,600	45,300	133,400	133,700	136,400	14,000	14,400	14,200
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	9,900	10,100	9,700	29,100	29,200	28,500	4,400	4,400	4,500
Services & Misc.	36,000	36,600	35,100	114,300	115,100	110,800	13,800	14,000	13,400
Government	39,500	36,700	39,000	62,800	60,500	61,100	21,400	20,600	21,400

the local sector increased by 50,700 and state government gained 12,500 jobs. Federal government had the only decline, as summer workers were released. Among the nonmanufacturing sectors, the only other increase was shown in trade, which rose by 2,400 in September. The primary stimulus for this advance was general merchandise stores, which rose by 3,700 due to increased business. Other trade sectors, however, recorded losses over the month. The largest of these were seasonal declines in apparel and accessory stores and among eating and drinking places.

Finance, insurance and real estate reflected the largest loss in September, as 3,900 jobs were cut. The other finance, insurance and real estate sector bore the brunt of the decline, dropping 2,100 positions, as closings and reductions were prevalent in real estate and in finance firms other than banks. Banking also decreased by 1,000 over the month, while the insurance sector recorded 800 fewer jobs.

Following three months of increases, construction declined by 3,700 in September, as some helpers hired for the summer left to return to school. Numerous seasonal decreases pushed employment in services down by 700 over the month, despite a sizeable advance in educational services as private schools convened for the fall semester. The largest of the declines occurred in other services and miscellaneous, where legal firms lost summer workers and summer outdoor activities sponsored by civic and social organizations drew to a close.

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Industry	Sep.'87*	Aug.'87**	Sep.'86**	Sep.'87*	Aug.'87**	Sep.'86**	Sep.'87*	Aug.'87**	Sep.'86**
	HOUSTON 2/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO		
TOTAL	1,376.6	1,370.0	1,385.5	68,600	69,000	68,700	34,600	34,600	34,900
Manufacturing	151.5	150.5	150.0	8,700	8,800	8,800	1,900	1,900	1,800
Mining	63.3	63.7	66.7	100	100	100	2,200	2,200	1,700
Construction	85.3	84.7	92.0	3,700	3,900	3,800	1,200	1,200	1,300
Trans., Comm., & Util.	90.2	90.6	93.4	2,600	2,600	2,800	4,100	4,100	3,900
Trade	348.7	349.5	358.0	16,300	16,500	16,600	9,800	9,800	10,500
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	96.9	98.7	102.7	2,900	3,000	3,000	1,600	1,600	1,600
Services & Misc.	353.8	353.7	337.8	14,300	14,400	13,900	6,000	6,000	6,000
Government	186.9	178.6	184.9	20,000	19,700	19,700	7,800	7,800	8,100
	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
TOTAL	64,600	63,800	65,400	91,300	89,300	91,900	87,700	86,600	86,900
Manufacturing	15,100	15,000	15,100	7,400	7,200	7,700	12,200	12,200	11,900
Mining	3,700	3,600	3,600	300	300	300	1,000	1,000	1,100
Construction	2,800	2,800	3,100	2,700	2,800	3,900	4,400	4,500	4,600
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,100	3,100	3,100	4,600	4,500	4,600	2,900	2,900	2,800
Trade	17,100	17,000	17,500	28,300	27,800	28,300	25,900	25,600	25,500
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,900	3,000	3,300	5,300	5,500	5,500	3,700	3,800	3,900
Services & Misc.	11,600	11,300	11,400	21,200	20,900	20,700	13,700	13,600	13,800
Government	8,300	8,000	8,300	21,500	20,300	20,900	23,900	23,000	23,300
	MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO		
TOTAL	44,600	43,800	44,100	44,400	43,500	44,100	36,500	36,300	36,800
Manufacturing	3,000	2,900	3,100	3,700	3,700	3,800	5,800	5,900	6,000
Mining	9,300	9,100	9,100	6,500	6,500	6,000	600	600	600
Construction	1,500	1,600	1,600	2,200	2,300	2,500	1,700	1,800	2,000
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,200	2,200	2,200	2,100	2,100	2,100	3,100	3,100	3,200
Trade	10,800	10,800	10,600	13,400	13,200	13,300	9,200	9,300	9,400
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,700	2,700	2,900	1,700	1,600	1,700	1,800	1,800	1,700
Services & Misc.	8,800	8,800	8,700	7,300	7,300	7,300	7,800	7,700	7,700
Government	6,300	5,700	5,900	7,500	6,800	7,400	6,500	6,100	6,200
	SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
TOTAL	496,000	490,100	494,200	38,000	37,400	38,200	45,800	45,200	45,500
Manufacturing	46,000	45,800	48,600	11,300	11,200	11,200	7,200	7,200	7,200
Mining	2,500	2,500	2,600	100	100	200	--	--	--
Construction	31,600	32,500	34,800	1,700	1,800	1,900	1,600	1,600	1,900
Trans., Comm., & Util.	18,100	18,200	18,300	2,100	2,100	2,100	1,700	1,700	1,800
Trade	131,800	132,000	128,800	8,700	8,700	8,700	11,300	11,400	11,300
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	39,400	39,500	38,600	1,400	1,400	1,500	1,900	1,900	1,900
Services & Misc.	117,600	117,100	115,000	7,800	7,300	7,500	9,100	9,200	8,900
Government	109,000	102,500	107,500	4,900	4,800	5,100	13,000	12,200	12,500
	TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO		
TOTAL	59,600	59,900	61,300	28,200	28,000	28,500	78,200	75,800	78,000
Manufacturing	10,700	10,900	11,300	3,200	3,100	3,100	15,000	14,900	14,600
Mining	1,900	2,000	1,900	1,900	1,900	1,800	100	100	200
Construction	2,500	2,600	2,900	1,800	1,900	2,000	3,900	4,000	4,100
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,700	2,700	2,800	1,400	1,500	1,500	3,400	3,300	3,500
Trade	16,200	16,200	16,600	8,000	7,900	8,100	19,200	19,200	19,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,600	3,600	3,700	1,500	1,500	1,600	4,700	4,800	4,800
Services & Misc.	13,400	13,600	13,500	5,900	5,900	6,000	19,600	18,800	19,600
Government	8,600	8,300	8,600	4,500	4,300	4,400	12,300	10,700	12,100
	WICHITA FALLS								
TOTAL	50,400	50,000	50,200						
Manufacturing	8,200	8,300	8,200						
Mining	2,000	2,000	2,100						
Construction	2,000	2,000	2,100						
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,600	2,600	2,600						
Trade	12,500	12,500	12,200						
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,400	2,400	2,400						
Services & Misc.	11,200	11,100	11,100						
Government	9,500	9,100	9,500						

* Preliminary -- subject to revision. ** Revised.

1/ Estimates prepared by TEC in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

2/ In Thousands.

TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY ESTIMATES 1/

Industry	Sep. 1987*	Aug. 1987**	Sep. 1986**	Change From Aug. 1987	Change From Sep. 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT±	6,524,700	6,465,300	6,527,200	59,400	-2,500
Manufacturing	969,300	964,000	954,800	5,300	14,500
Durable Goods	562,700	558,800	552,900	3,900	9,800
Lumber & Wood Products	36,600	36,400	37,500	200	-900
Logging Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills	7,000	7,000	6,900	0	100
Furniture & Fixtures	18,100	18,000	17,900	100	200
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	44,500	44,800	47,400	-300	-2,900
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Products	19,100	19,200	21,600	-100	-2,500
Primary Metal Industries	28,600	28,500	28,600	100	0
Fabricated Metal Industries	75,800	75,900	75,800	-100	0
Fabricated Structural Metal Products	37,400	37,300	38,700	100	-1,300
Machinery, Except Electrical	105,500	104,400	106,000	1,100	-500
Oil Field Machinery	24,100	24,000	25,600	100	-1,500
Electric & Electronic Equipment	123,600	123,000	119,900	600	3,700
Transportation Equipment	94,800	92,700	85,000	2,100	9,800
Aircraft & Parts	53,500	53,400	47,700	100	5,800
Instruments & Related Products	22,200	22,200	21,900	0	300
Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries	13,000	12,900	12,900	100	100
Nondurable Goods	406,600	405,200	401,900	1,400	4,700
Food & Kindred Products	100,400	99,200	99,300	1,200	1,100
Meat Products	29,000	28,800	27,500	200	1,500
Dairy Products	5,000	5,000	5,000	0	0
Bakery Products	11,100	10,700	11,300	400	-200
Malt Beverages	3,200	3,100	3,000	100	200
Textile Mill Products	4,400	4,300	4,000	100	400
Apparel & Other Finished Textile Products	51,400	51,500	50,800	-100	600
Paper & Allied Products	24,000	23,900	22,900	100	1,100
Printing & Publishing	76,100	76,500	76,100	-400	0
Newspaper, Periodicals, Books & Misc. Publ.	38,200	38,700	38,300	-500	-100
Chemicals & Allied Products	74,900	74,400	74,200	500	700
Petroleum & Coal Products	32,500	32,700	34,100	-200	-1,600
Petroleum Refining	29,300	29,500	30,700	-200	-1,400
Leather & Leather Products	7,400	7,400	7,300	0	100
Other Nondurable Goods	35,500	35,300	33,200	200	2,300
Total Nonmanufacturing	5,555,400	5,501,300	5,572,400	54,100	-17,000
Mining	192,200	192,400	192,000	-200	200
Metal & Coal & Nonmet. Mnrls., Exc. Fuel	10,200	10,200	10,500	0	-300
Oil & Gas Extraction	182,000	182,200	181,500	-200	500
Construction	370,500	374,200	407,500	-3,700	-37,000
Transportation & Public Utilities	380,900	381,100	374,700	-200	6,200
Railroad Transportation	20,800	20,800	21,600	0	-800
Transportation, Except Railroads	199,300	198,900	190,500	400	8,800
Transportation by Air	57,200	57,100	49,600	100	7,600
Communication, Exc. U. S. Postal Service	84,900	85,000	86,200	-100	-1,300
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	75,900	76,400	76,400	-500	-500
Electric Services	41,400	41,900	43,000	-500	-1,600
Gas Production & Distribution	27,200	27,300	26,200	-100	1,000
Wholesale & Retail Trade	1,663,800	1,661,400	1,682,000	2,400	-18,200
Wholesale Trade	413,000	413,500	422,200	-500	-9,200
Retail Trade	1,250,800	1,247,900	1,259,800	2,900	-9,000
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	43,900	44,200	46,500	-300	-2,600
General Merchandise Stores	174,500	170,800	163,900	3,700	10,600
Food Stores	233,300	232,800	235,400	500	-2,100
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	131,700	132,100	138,300	-400	-6,600
Apparel & Accessory Stores	76,300	77,100	81,000	-800	-4,700
Eating & Drinking Places	406,000	406,600	405,300	-600	700
Other Retail Trade	185,100	184,300	189,400	800	-4,300
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	436,300	440,200	446,200	-3,900	-9,900
Banking	95,500	96,500	102,100	-1,000	-6,600
Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers	136,600	137,400	136,400	-800	200
Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	204,200	206,300	207,700	-2,100	-3,500
Services	1,373,400	1,374,100	1,370,500	-700	2,900
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	85,200	85,900	86,300	-700	-1,100
Personal Services	80,700	80,800	80,400	-100	300
Business & Repair Services	360,600	361,100	368,900	-500	-8,300
Amusement, Including Motion Pictures	52,100	52,500	56,000	-400	-3,900
Health Services	390,400	391,500	375,000	-1,100	15,400
Educational Services	68,200	63,100	69,500	5,100	-1,300
Other Services & Miscellaneous	336,200	339,200	334,400	-3,000	1,800
Total Government	1,138,300	1,077,900	1,099,500	60,400	38,800
Total Federal Government	192,200	195,000	191,600	-2,800	600
Total State Government	246,400	233,900	229,100	12,500	17,300
Total Local Government	699,700	649,000	678,800	50,700	20,900

1/ Estimated number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas without reference to place of residence of workers. ±Estimates of TEC in cooperation with Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

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	Sep. '87*	Aug. '87**	Sep. '86**	Sep. '87*	Aug. '87**	Sep. '86**	Sep. '87*	Aug. '87**	Sep. '86**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	56,800	57,400	55,500	103,700	105,900	99,400	442,100	443,000	426,400
Total Unemployment	4,500	4,600	5,400	6,800	6,700	6,700	29,500	29,500	24,500
Percent Unemployed	7.9	8.0	9.7	6.6	6.3	6.7	6.7	6.7	5.7
Total Employment 2/	52,300	52,800	50,100	96,900	99,200	92,700	412,600	413,500	401,900
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	164,100	167,000	163,900	84,500	85,500	81,600	96,600	99,400	95,500
Total Unemployment	20,300	20,600	22,800	8,400	8,200	9,100	14,100	13,600	15,500
Percent Unemployed	12.4	12.3	13.9	9.9	9.6	11.2	14.6	13.7	16.2
Total Employment 2/	143,800	146,400	141,100	76,100	77,300	72,500	82,500	85,800	80,000
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	57,400	58,500	57,900	166,900	169,900	165,600	1,454.9	1,483.1	1,421.6
Total Unemployment	3,200	3,200	3,700	19,500	19,000	20,300	98.5	95.6	82.2
Percent Unemployed	5.6	5.5	6.4	11.7	11.2	12.3	6.8	6.4	5.8
Total Employment 2/	54,200	55,300	54,200	147,400	150,900	145,300	1,356.4	1,387.5	1,339.4
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
Total Civilian Labor Force	240,900	242,400	234,900	692,200	711,000	655,700	111,500	114,300	108,300
Total Unemployment	26,500	25,500	30,400	48,000	50,200	42,800	12,400	12,500	12,000
Percent Unemployed	11.0	10.5	12.9	6.9	7.1	6.5	11.1	10.9	11.1
Total Employment 2/	214,400	216,900	204,500	644,200	660,800	612,900	99,100	101,800	96,300
	HOUSTON 3/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	1,629.2	1,664.7	1,613.7	95,400	97,300	90,400	45,300	46,300	44,200
Total Unemployment	147.2	146.6	174.7	8,200	7,700	7,200	6,700	6,600	7,100
Percent Unemployed	9.0	8.8	10.8	8.6	7.9	8.0	14.8	14.3	16.1
Total Employment 2/	1,482.0	1,518.1	1,439.0	87,200	89,600	83,200	38,600	39,700	37,100
	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
Total Civilian Labor Force	80,800	82,700	81,100	115,000	115,600	111,400	147,100	147,200	141,100
Total Unemployment	8,500	8,700	10,100	7,500	7,300	7,200	27,900	26,200	27,400
Percent Unemployed	10.5	10.5	12.5	6.5	6.3	6.5	19.0	17.8	19.4
Total Employment 2/	72,300	74,000	71,000	107,500	108,300	104,200	119,200	121,000	113,700
	MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	52,200	53,000	52,200	57,000	57,600	59,800	46,300	47,200	45,800
Total Unemployment	4,300	4,400	6,500	5,400	5,600	10,600	2,900	2,800	3,400
Percent Unemployed	8.2	8.3	12.5	9.5	9.7	17.7	6.3	5.9	7.4
Total Employment 2/	47,900	48,600	45,700	51,600	52,000	49,200	43,400	44,400	42,400
	SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	614,500	624,900	583,400	50,600	51,300	48,700	59,100	59,200	57,000
Total Unemployment	50,700	50,000	43,000	4,000	3,800	3,900	4,800	4,700	4,700
Percent Unemployed	8.3	8.0	7.4	7.9	7.4	8.0	8.1	7.9	8.2
Total Employment 2/	563,800	574,900	540,400	46,600	47,500	44,800	54,300	54,500	52,300
	TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	77,500	79,600	76,500	39,000	39,900	38,600	95,300	95,500	91,500
Total Unemployment	7,100	6,900	7,300	3,400	3,300	4,100	7,900	7,800	7,000
Percent Unemployed	9.2	8.7	9.5	8.7	8.3	10.6	8.3	8.2	7.7
Total Employment 2/	70,400	72,700	69,200	35,600	36,600	34,500	87,400	87,700	84,500
	WICHITA FALLS						STATE OF TEXAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	58,900	59,900	56,900				8,429.9	8,590.1	8,227.2
Total Unemployment	4,600	4,400	4,800				717.3	710.1	748.8
Percent Unemployed	7.8	7.3	8.4				8.5	8.3	9.1
Total Employment 2/	54,300	55,500	52,100				7,712.6	7,880.0	7,478.4

1/ All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted).

2/ Includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes.

3/ In Thousands.

*Preliminary -- subject to revision. **Revised.

HOURS AND EARNINGS IN TEXAS*

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Sep.± 1987	Aug. 1987	Sep. 1986	Sep.± 1987	Aug. 1987	Sep. 1986	Sep.± 1987	Aug. 1987	Sep. 1986
			FOR TEXAS						
MANUFACTURING TOTAL	$ 415.00	$ 410.59	$ 402.95	41.5	41.6	41.8	$ 10.00	$ 9.87	$ 9.64
Durable Goods	406.29	407.27	395.22	41.5	41.9	42.0	9.79	9.72	9.41
Lumber & Wood Products	285.22	285.48	281.11	40.4	40.9	41.4	7.06	6.98	6.79
Furniture & Fixtures	276.46	268.00	271.79	40.3	40.3	42.6	6.86	6.65	6.38
Stone, Clay & Glass Prods.	391.28	391.68	387.64	42.3	42.9	43.9	9.25	9.13	8.83
Primary Metal Industries	420.40	434.92	412.24	40.0	41.5	39.6	10.51	10.48	10.41
Fabricated Metal Products	377.73	367.28	365.24	41.6	40.9	40.9	9.08	8.98	8.93
Machinery, exc. Electric	413.65	421.82	408.93	41.2	41.6	41.6	10.04	10.14	9.83
Oil Field Machinery	477.82	490.36	456.15	40.7	42.2	39.7	11.74	11.62	11.49
Electric & Electronic Equip.	453.25	454.51	434.87	42.8	43.0	43.4	10.59	10.57	10.02
Transportation Equipment	534.67	534.76	521.48	42.3	43.3	42.5	12.64	12.35	12.27
Instruments & Related Prod.	361.49	371.78	343.80	40.3	40.9	40.4	8.97	9.09	8.51
Misc. Manufacturing Inds.	260.37	262.68	279.07	37.9	38.8	41.1	6.87	6.77	6.79
Nondurable Goods	424.35	416.48	412.67	41.4	41.4	41.6	10.25	10.06	9.92
Food & Kindred Products	345.22	343.20	345.49	42.1	41.6	42.6	8.20	8.25	8.11
Meat Products	296.42	279.75	273.82	43.4	41.2	41.3	6.83	6.79	6.63
Malt Beverages	786.65	839.45	803.65	44.9	47.4	46.4	17.52	17.71	17.32
Textile Mill Products	303.26	321.30	312.06	43.2	45.0	44.9	7.02	7.14	6.95
Apparel & Other Text. Prods.	190.01	201.63	185.86	34.8	37.9	36.3	5.46	5.32	5.12
Paper & Allied Products	473.38	460.04	465.33	44.2	42.4	44.7	10.71	10.85	10.41
Printing & Publishing	401.79	385.52	391.05	40.3	39.5	39.7	9.97	9.76	9.85
Chemicals & Allied Products	676.48	657.94	638.93	43.7	43.2	43.2	15.48	15.23	14.79
Petroleum & Coal Products	673.64	652.75	671.02	43.8	43.2	43.8	15.38	15.11	15.32
Petroleum Refining	694.83	673.38	698.45	43.7	43.0	43.9	15.90	15.66	15.91
Leather & Leather Products	193.60	221.92	215.27	35.2	39.7	37.7	5.50	5.59	5.71
Other Nondurable Goods	408.11	389.80	377.54	44.7	43.7	43.9	9.13	8.92	8.60
NONMANUFACTURING									
Mining	476.81	485.07	483.59	39.9	40.9	40.4	11.95	11.86	11.97
Met/Coal/Nonmet Mnrls. exc. Fuel	529.05	558.27	487.47	42.7	46.1	41.7	12.39	12.11	11.69
Oil & Gas Extraction	473.22	479.52	483.20	39.7	40.5	40.3	11.92	11.84	11.99
Commun., exc. U. S. Postal Service	492.28	489.50	494.88	39.7	39.7	40.3	12.40	12.33	12.28
Elec., Gas & San. Services	451.93	450.30	431.09	40.1	39.5	40.9	11.27	11.40	10.54
Wholesale & Retail Trade	231.13	233.40	226.69	32.6	33.2	32.2	7.09	7.03	7.04
Wholesale Trade	384.33	387.70	383.55	38.9	39.4	39.5	9.88	9.84	9.71
Retail Trade	186.34	187.77	177.61	30.8	31.4	29.9	6.05	5.98	5.94
General Merchandise Stores	199.29	197.68	187.76	29.7	30.6	29.2	6.71	6.46	6.43
Banking	258.80	272.20	266.66	36.4	38.5	37.4	7.11	7.07	7.13

HOURS AND EARNINGS
FOR SELECTED
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Sep.± 1987	Aug. 1987	Sep. 1986	Sep.± 1987	Aug. 1987	Sep. 1986	Sep.± 1987	Aug. 1987	Sep. 1986
DALLAS									
Manufacturing	$ 406.55	$ 405.88	$ 398.79	41.4	41.8	42.2	$ 9.82	$ 9.71	$ 9.45
Durable Goods	433.08	435.70	429.14	42.5	42.8	43.0	10.19	10.18	9.98
Nondurable Goods	361.94	356.57	347.62	39.6	40.2	40.8	9.14	8.87	8.52
FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON									
Manufacturing	402.40	402.93	409.92	40.0	40.7	42.0	10.06	9.90	9.76
Durable Goods	425.72	425.32	431.63	40.2	40.7	42.4	10.59	10.45	10.18
Nondurable Goods	345.31	350.06	351.74	39.6	40.8	40.9	8.72	8.58	8.60
HOUSTON									
Manufacturing	491.48	482.36	479.70	44.0	43.3	43.1	11.17	11.14	11.13
Durable Goods	413.42	413.25	404.39	43.2	43.5	42.3	9.57	9.50	9.56
Nondurable Goods	580.50	559.44	567.60	45.0	43.1	44.0	12.90	12.98	12.90
SAN ANTONIO									
Manufacturing	302.88	311.36	298.56	39.8	40.7	40.4	7.61	7.65	7.39
Durable Goods	330.17	341.54	329.27	39.4	39.9	40.6	8.38	8.56	8.11
Nondurable Goods	274.28	281.37	268.67	40.1	41.5	40.1	6.84	6.78	6.70

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*Figures for Texas and selected areas cover Production Workers in Manufacturing and Mining Industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings' averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift work. ±Preliminary -- subject to revision upon receipt of additional reports.

SOURCE: Texas Employment Commission in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

There was little change in September in mining, as oil and gas extraction declined by 200. This sector is, however, currently above its year-ago level for the first time this year. Offsetting minor gains and losses in September within transportation and public utilities left this sector 200 below its August level. Transportation, except railroads, recorded a moderate increase over the month, while communication and utilities both registered losses.

Manufacturing continued the trend it has followed every month this year, producing small, widespread increases. Although no one month's growth has been outstanding, the consecutive growth has now added 28,200 jobs in manufacturing during 1987 and this industry is 14,500 above its year-ago level -- the best record of any private sector. Although both segments of manufacturing have added jobs, durable goods has shown somewhat stronger advances during 1987. In September, durable goods recorded 3,900 additional jobs as all but two sectors increased. The largest upturn was in transportation equipment due to a recall of workers and newly-awarded federal contracts. Nonelectrical machinery gained 1,100 jobs over the month, as workers were recalled following layoffs. Nondurable goods employers added 1,400 positions in September. The greatest increase in nondurable goods was in food and kindred products, which rose by 1,200 due in part to seasonal factors. Chemicals and allied products recorded a more moderate advance, while declines occurred in printing and publishing and in petroleum and coal products.

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HOURS DROP, EARNINGS RISE

In September Texas had an estimated 626,700 manufacturing production workers, each averaging a work-week of 41.5 hours at $10.00 an hour, for weekly earnings of $415.00. Weekly hours were down 0.1 hour, while hourly earnings were up $.13 over the month, creating a rise in weekly earnings of $4.41 between August and September. Year-ago comparisons reflect a decrease in average weekly hours of 0.3 hour, and increases in both hourly earnings and weekly earnings of $.36 and $12.05, respectively.

QUARTERLY UI BENEFITS PAID BY MSA
3RD QUARTER 1987
July - September 1987

Abilene	$ 1,496,597
Amarillo	2,268,586
Austin	11,522,785
Beaumont-Port Arthur	6,906,426
Brazoria PMSA	3,001,830
Brownsville-Harlingen	2,674,817
Bryan-College Station	1,108,241
Corpus Christi	5,490,490
Dallas PMSA	38,997,261
El Paso	6,786,062
Fort Worth-Arlington PMSA	20,883,741
Galveston-Texas City PMSA	4,609,990
Houston PMSA	51,783,216
Killeen-Temple	1,763,159
Laredo	1,406,881
Longview-Marshall	2,854,867
Lubbock	1,797,046
McAllen-Edinburg-Mission	5,446,785
Midland	1,556,919
Odessa	1,560,614
San Angelo	783,960
San Antonio	14,823,405
Sherman-Denison	1,418,610
Texarkana (Bowie Co. only)	862,611
Tyler	2,328,710
Victoria	1,015,151
Waco	3,168,133
Wichita Falls	1,612,189
State of Texas	235,055,230

TEC ACTIVITIES

	Sep. 1987	Sep. 1986
Total Population	16,864,000	16,708,000*
% UI Covered Unemployment	2.1	2.7
UI Covered Employers	315,190	313,857
Total Claims Actions	587,960	855,551
Total Initial Claims Actions	62,589	89,020
Total Cont'd. Claims Actions	525,371	766,531
Avg. Weekly Benefit Amount	$155.25	$159.20
Total Amount Paid (Net)**	$72,805,366	$113,890,360
Total Placements	28,000	28,184

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Labor Market Review

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UNEMPLOYMENT DECLINES SUBSTANTIALLY

The actual unemployment rate for Texas dropped from 8.5 percent in September to 7.4 percent in mid-October -- its lowest level since January 1986, just before oil prices nose-dived. Total unemployment in the actual series declined by 99,100 over the month, from 717,300 to 618,200; while total employment rose from 7,712,600 to 7,791,200 in October. Although the sizeable decrease in joblessness is encouraging, it should be viewed with cautious optimism since some sectors of the State's economy are still performing below average.

The Texas seasonally adjusted unemployment rate also recorded a sizeable decline in October, dropping from 8.5 percent to 7.8 percent over the month. Rates for the Nation in both series were virtually unchanged from September to October, as the actual rate remained at 5.7 percent and the seasonally adjusted U. S. rate inched upward from 5.9 percent to 6.0 percent. The rates for Texas, even though they declined over the month, remained substantially above the National averages in both series.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES
(In Thousands)

	Oct. 1987	Sep. 1987	Oct. 1986
United States (Actual)			
Labor Force	120,743.0	119,884.0	118,699.0
Unemployment	6,845.0	6,857.0	7,842.0
Percent Unemployed	5.7	5.7	6.6
Total Employment	113,898.0	113,027.0	110,857.0
United States (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	120,361.0	119,861.0	118,414.0
Unemployment	7,174.0	7,089.0	8,222.0
Percent Unemployed	6.0	5.9	6.9
Total Employment	113,187.0	112,772.0	110,192.0
State of Texas (Actual)			
Labor Force	8,409.4	8,429.9	8,294.8
Unemployment	618.2	717.3	739.6
Percent Unemployed	7.4	8.5	8.9
Total Employment	7,791.2	7,712.6	7,555.2
State of Texas (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	8,390.0	8,401.0	8,288.0
Unemployment	653.0	716.0	782.0
Percent Unemployed	7.8	8.5	9.4
Total Employment	7,737.0	7,685.0	7,506.0

NUMBER OF NONFARM SALARIED JOBS ADVANCES

Statewide nonagricultural wage and salary employment rose by 41,100 in October, due primarily to seasonal hiring within education. About 70 percent of the over-the-month increase was due to the completion of staffing for local and state schools and universities. Most of the other major industry sectors recorded only moderate changes in October.

Government benefitted the most from the hiring of school personnel, such as cafeteria and janitorial workers, as the local sector gained 20,700 jobs and state government added an additional 8,600 positions. Employment in federal agencies declined slightly over the month, leaving government as a whole up 28,800 in October.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	Oct.'87*	Sep.'87**	Oct.'86**	Oct.'87*	Sep.'87**	Oct.'86**	Oct.'87*	Sep.'87**	Oct.'86**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
TOTAL	50,500	50,300	49,900	78,500	78,700	78,200	359,500	358,700	362,800
Manufacturing	4,800	4,800	4,900	9,600	9,800	9,600	39,800	39,800	40,200
Mining	2,200	2,200	2,200	1,200	1,200	1,300	900	900	1,000
Construction	2,300	2,300	2,400	4,300	4,400	4,200	19,100	19,300	22,700
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,600	2,500	2,500	5,600	5,600	6,000	11,000	11,100	11,100
Trade	14,200	14,200	13,900	23,600	23,600	23,200	79,600	79,800	81,500
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,500	2,600	2,600	4,200	4,300	4,300	25,000	25,000	25,700
Services & Misc.	13,400	13,400	13,200	16,300	16,500	16,400	84,300	84,500	83,500
Government	8,500	8,300	8,200	13,700	13,300	13,200	99,800	98,300	97,100
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
TOTAL	127,900	127,700	129,500	57,600	57,000	57,200	64,800	65,100	65,200
Manufacturing	24,000	23,900	25,200	15,100	15,100	15,600	9,700	9,900	9,300
Mining	1,700	1,600	1,500	1,300	1,300	1,300	--	--	--
Construction	7,400	7,300	7,400	5,800	5,700	5,800	2,500	2,700	2,700
Trans., Comm., & Util.	9,300	9,500	9,800	2,200	2,200	2,200	3,000	3,000	3,200
Trade	31,500	31,500	32,000	11,000	11,100	11,100	17,300	17,400	17,800
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,500	5,500	5,700	2,100	2,100	2,000	3,300	3,400	3,300
Services & Misc.	28,300	28,400	27,900	8,300	8,100	7,800	14,000	13,900	13,500
Government	20,200	20,000	20,100	11,800	11,400	11,400	15,000	14,800	15,400
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS 2/		
TOTAL	49,200	47,100	48,600	127,100	126,800	128,700	1,308.1	1,305.9	1,339.0
Manufacturing	3,000	3,000	2,900	11,500	11,400	12,000	222.9	223.3	226.0
Mining	900	900	800	5,300	5,400	6,400	18.8	18.8	19.4
Construction	2,200	2,100	2,100	7,300	7,300	8,400	60.4	61.5	77.3
Trans., Comm., & Util.	1,500	1,600	1,600	7,100	7,100	7,100	87.4	87.2	86.6
Trade	10,900	10,800	11,300	33,900	34,000	33,900	351.6	350.3	358.3
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,700	1,700	1,700	6,700	6,800	6,800	129.5	129.7	133.6
Services & Misc.	7,900	7,900	7,900	27,400	27,500	26,800	290.1	289.6	289.7
Government	21,100	19,100	20,300	27,900	27,300	27,300	147.4	145.5	148.1
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
TOTAL	185,700	187,400	185,100	520,700	519,200	511,700	69,300	70,600	69,800
Manufacturing	35,900	37,100	35,800	117,900	116,500	114,500	9,000	9,000	8,900
Mining	--	--	--	3,300	3,400	3,400	400	400	500
Construction	9,500	9,700	10,100	28,700	29,600	29,300	3,300	3,200	3,900
Trans., Comm., & Util.	10,000	10,200	10,100	28,300	28,200	26,900	4,300	4,400	4,700
Trade	45,800	45,700	45,400	134,200	133,800	136,100	13,500	14,100	13,600
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	9,900	10,000	9,700	29,100	29,000	28,600	4,400	4,400	4,600
Services & Misc.	35,900	36,100	35,600	114,300	114,600	110,500	13,400	13,700	12,800
Government	38,700	38,600	38,400	64,900	64,100	62,400	21,000	21,400	20,800

Trade recorded its largest increase since April, as 6,100 jobs were added in October. The largest increase occurred in general merchandise stores, as holiday hiring began. Food stores gained 3,800 positions over the month. The largest reduction in trade was a seasonal decline of 5,700 in eating and drinking places.

Employment in services rose by 4,300, with moderate decreases only in hotels and other lodging places and amusement, including motion pictures. An estimated 1,500 jobs were created in educational services as private schools and colleges completed staffing. Another 2,200 new hires were reported in other services and miscellaneous, as some child day care centers reopened following temporary layoffs, legal services hired part-time help, and fraternities, sororities and parent-teacher groups recorded seasonal increases. Following two months of small declines, mining gained 1,900 positions over the month. This sector is currently 3,500 above its October 1986 level.

Only three major nonmanufacturing sectors lost jobs between September and October. Construction employment registered the largest decrease, falling 1,900. This decline, however, was not as large as the previous month's, when 3,700 jobs were deleted. The contraction of 1,600 in finance, insurance and real estate was concentrated in the other finance, insurance and real estate portion, where banking declined by 800 and real estate dropped 600 in October.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	Oct.'87*	Sep.'87**	Oct.'86**	Oct.'87*	Sep.'87**	Oct.'86**	Oct.'87*	Sep.'87**	Oct.'86**
	HOUSTON 2/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO		
TOTAL	1,385.8	1,375.9	1,384.6	68,800	68,900	68,500	35,500	35,100	34,900
Manufacturing	153.0	151.2	149.5	8,600	8,700	8,700	1,800	1,900	1,800
Mining	64.4	63.8	66.0	100	100	100	2,300	2,200	1,700
Construction	83.7	84.8	89.5	3,700	3,700	3,600	1,200	1,200	1,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	90.5	90.3	92.8	2,600	2,600	2,800	4,100	4,100	3,800
Trade	349.6	347.9	357.7	16,200	16,400	16,500	9,900	9,800	10,400
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	95.8	97.1	101.1	2,900	2,900	3,100	1,600	1,600	1,600
Services & Misc.	356.2	353.6	339.4	14,400	14,400	13,900	6,100	6,000	6,000
Government	192.6	187.2	188.6	20,300	20,100	19,800	8,500	8,300	8,200
	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
TOTAL	64,500	64,400	65,600	91,600	91,500	92,100	91,400	89,500	87,700
Manufacturing	15,000	15,000	14,900	7,500	7,500	7,700	13,200	12,200	12,300
Mining	3,700	3,600	3,600	300	300	300	900	900	1,200
Construction	2,800	2.900	3,100	2,700	2,700	3,500	4,400	4,400	4,500
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,100	3,100	3,100	4,500	4,500	4,500	2,900	2,900	2,800
Trade	17,000	16,900	17,500	28,400	28,300	28,300	26,100	25,900	25,600
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,000	3,000	3,400	5,400	5,300	5,600	3,700	3,700	3,900
Services & Misc.	11,500	11,600	11,600	20,800	21,000	20,700	14,100	13,900	13,800
Government	8,400	8,300	8,400	22,000	21,900	21,500	26,100	25,600	23,600
	MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO		
TOTAL	44,400	44,100	44,500	44,600	44,400	43,700	36,600	36,700	36,800
Manufacturing	2,900	2,900	3,100	3,700	3,700	3,700	6,000	6,000	5,800
Mining	9,200	9,000	9,000	6,800	6,700	6,000	600	600	600
Construction	1,600	1,600	1,700	2,300	2,300	2,500	1,700	1,700	2,000
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,100	2,100	2,200	2,100	2,100	2,100	3,100	3,100	3,200
Trade	10,800	10,800	10,600	13,200	13,200	13,100	9,200	9,200	9,300
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,700	2,700	2,900	1,700	1,600	1,700	1,800	1,800	1,700
Services & Misc.	8,800	8,800	8,700	7,300	7,300	7,200	7,800	7,900	7,600
Government	6,300	6,200	6,300	7,500	7,500	7,400	6,400	6,400	6,600
	SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
TOTAL	497,300	495,200	495,500	38,400	38,000	38,200	45,100	45,100	45,300
Manufacturing	46,500	46,200	48,400	11,300	11,200	11,000	7,300	7,300	7,300
Mining	2,500	2,500	2,700	100	100	200	--	--	--
Construction	31,100	31,900	33,800	1,700	1,700	1,900	1,500	1,600	1,700
Trans., Comm., & Util.	18,100	18,100	18,300	2,100	2,100	2,100	1,700	1,700	1,800
Trade	132,300	131,600	129,300	8,700	8,700	8,900	11,200	11,300	11,000
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	39,100	39,300	38,600	1,500	1,400	1,500	1,900	1,900	1,900
Services & Misc.	117,900	117,600	115,900	7,900	7,800	7,500	9,100	9,100	9,000
Government	109,800	108,000	108,500	5,100	5,000	5,100	12,400	12,200	12,600
	TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO		
TOTAL	59,600	59,500	61,400	28,200	28,300	28,300	79,100	78,200	78,700
Manufacturing	10,800	10,800	11,100	3,200	3,200	3,100	15,000	15,000	14,800
Mining	1,900	1,900	1,800	1,800	1,900	1,700	100	100	100
Construction	2,500	2,600	2,900	2,000	1,900	2,000	3,800	3,900	3,900
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,700	2,700	2,700	1,400	1,400	1,500	3,400	3,400	3,500
Trade	15,900	15,900	16,800	7,900	8,000	7,900	19,400	19,200	19,200
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,600	3,500	3,700	1,500	1,500	1,600	4,800	4,700	4,800
Services & Misc.	13,200	13,300	13,600	5,800	5,900	6,000	20,000	19,700	19,900
Government	9,000	8,800	8,800	4,600	4,500	4,500	12,600	12,200	12,500
	WICHITA FALLS								
TOTAL	50,200	50,400	49,700						
Manufacturing	8,000	8,200	8,000						
Mining	2,000	2,000	2,000						
Construction	2,000	2,000	2,000						
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,600	2,600	2,600						
Trade	12,500	12,500	12,200						
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,400	2,400	2,400						
Services & Misc.	11,200	11,200	11,100						
Government	9,500	9,500	9,400						

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1/ Estimates prepared by TEC in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

2/ In Thousands.

TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY ESTIMATES 1/

Industry	Oct. 1987*	Sep. 1987**	Oct. 1986**	Change From Sep. 1987	Change From Oct. 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT±	6,565,800	6,524,700	6,533,700	41,100	32,100
Manufacturing	974,100	970,500	952,200	3,600	21,900
Durable Goods	567,100	563,600	551,200	3,500	15,900
Lumber & Wood Products	36,700	36,400	37,400	300	-700
Logging Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills	7,000	7,000	7,300	0	-300
Furniture & Fixtures	18,600	18,300	18,100	300	500
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	44,900	44,700	46,300	200	-1,400
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Products	19,300	19,300	20,900	0	-1,600
Primary Metal Industries	28,800	28,800	28,100	0	700
Fabricated Metal Industries	76,600	75,800	75,700	800	900
Fabricated Structural Metal Products	37,800	37,300	38,500	500	-700
Machinery, Except Electrical	106,400	105,900	104,600	500	1,800
Oil Field Machinery	24,500	24,500	24,900	0	-400
Electric & Electronic Equipment	124,000	123,400	119,700	600	4,300
Transportation Equipment	95,500	95,000	86,000	500	9,500
Aircraft & Parts	53,800	53,500	48,900	300	4,900
Instruments & Related Products	22,200	22,300	22,000	-100	200
Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries	13,400	13,000	13,300	400	100
Nondurable Goods	407,000	406,900	401,000	100	6,000
Food & Kindred Products	99,300	100,200	98,400	-900	900
Meat Products	29,000	28,900	27,500	100	1,500
Dairy Products	4,900	5,000	5,000	-100	-100
Bakery Products	11,600	11,000	11,300	600	300
Malt Beverages	3,000	3,200	3,100	-200	-100
Textile Mill Products	4,300	4,400	4,100	-100	200
Apparel & Other Finished Textile Products	51,500	51,300	50,400	200	1,100
Paper & Allied Products	24,300	24,000	23,000	300	1,300
Printing & Publishing	76,700	76,200	76,400	500	300
Newspaper, Periodicals, Books & Misc. Publ.	38,300	38,200	38,400	100	-100
Chemicals & Allied Products	74,100	74,900	73,900	-800	200
Petroleum & Coal Products	32,900	32,500	33,900	400	-1,000
Petroleum Refining	29,600	29,300	30,600	300	-1,000
Leather & Leather Products	7,900	7,700	7,300	200	600
Other Nondurable Goods	36,000	35,700	33,600	300	2,400
Total Nonmanufacturing	5,591,700	5,554,200	5,581,500	37,500	10,200
Mining	194,300	192,400	190,800	1,900	3,500
Metal & Coal & Nonmet. Mnrls., Exc. Fuel	10,200	10,200	10,500	0	-300
Oil & Gas Extraction	184,100	182,200	180,300	1,900	3,800
Construction	368,500	370,400	399,200	-1,900	-30,700
Transportation & Public Utilities	382,600	382,700	374,800	-100	7,800
Railroad Transportation	20,800	20,800	21,600	0	-800
Transportation, Except Railroads	201,500	201,300	190,700	200	10,800
Transportation by Air	58,100	57,400	50,100	700	8,000
Communication, Exc. U. S. Postal Service	84,800	84,700	85,700	100	-900
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	75,500	75,900	76,800	-400	-1,300
Electric Services	41,400	41,500	42,800	-100	-1,400
Gas Production & Distribution	26,900	27,100	26,900	-200	0
Wholesale & Retail Trade	1,669,600	1,663,500	1,679,200	6,100	-9,600
Wholesale Trade	412,400	412,300	420,000	100	-7,600
Retail Trade	1,257,200	1,251,200	1,259,200	6,000	-2,000
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	43,100	43,900	46,100	-800	-3,000
General Merchandise Stores	178,000	172,400	167,000	5,600	11,000
Food Stores	237,700	233,900	237,000	3,800	700
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	131,900	131,900	137,400	0	-5,500
Apparel & Accessory Stores	76,900	76,200	81,900	700	-5,000
Eating & Drinking Places	401,100	406,800	399,000	-5,700	2,100
Other Retail Trade	188,500	186,100	190,800	2,400	-2,300
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	435,300	436,900	443,800	-1,600	-8,500
Banking	95,100	95,400	101,500	-300	-6,400
Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers	136,600	136,500	135,900	100	700
Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	203,600	205,000	206,400	-1,400	-2,800
Services	1,382,100	1,377,800	1,370,900	4,300	11,200
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	84,200	84,900	86,600	-700	-2,400
Personal Services	81,700	81,000	80,900	700	800
Business & Repair Services	361,400	360,700	366,800	700	-5,400
Amusement, Including Motion Pictures	51,400	51,800	53,600	-400	-2,200
Health Services	392,000	391,700	375,900	300	16,100
Educational Services	77,200	75,700	72,500	1,500	4,700
Other Services & Miscellaneous	334,200	332,000	334,600	2,200	-400
Total Government	1,159,300	1,130,500	1,122,800	28,800	36,500
Total Federal Government	192,900	193,400	191,700	-500	1,200
Total State Government	253,800	245,200	236,600	8,600	17,200
Total Local Government	712,600	691,900	694,500	20,700	18,100

1/ Estimated number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas without reference to place of residence of workers. ±Estimates of TEC in cooperation with Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor

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CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

	Oct.'87*	Sep.'87**	Oct.'86**	Oct.'87*	Sep.'87**	Oct.'86**	Oct.'87*	Sep.'87**	Oct.'86**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	57,000	56,900	55,800	103,600	104,200	100,000	443,500	443,400	434,100
Total Unemployment	4,000	4,500	5,400	5,900	6,700	6,300	26,100	29,500	25,100
Percent Unemployed	7.0	7.9	9.7	5.7	6.4	6.3	5.9	6.7	5.8
Total Employment 2/	53,000	52,400	50,400	97,700	97,500	93,700	417,400	413,900	409,000
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	162,900	164,300	164,400	84,000	84,100	81,700	96,200	96,800	94,300
Total Unemployment	17,100	20,200	21,600	7,000	8,300	8,600	12,700	14,000	13,700
Percent Unemployed	10.5	12.3	13.1	8.3	9.9	10.5	13.2	14.5	14.5
Total Employment 2/	145,800	144,100	142,800	77,000	75,800	73,100	83,500	82,800	80,600
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	60,300	58,000	58,200	165,600	167,100	167,100	1,453.9	1,454.4	1,435.7
Total Unemployment	2,800	3,200	3,600	16,200	19,500	21,300	84.9	98.3	83.0
Percent Unemployed	4.6	5.5	6.2	9.8	11.7	12.7	5.8	6.8	5.8
Total Employment 2/	57,500	54,800	54,600	149,400	147,600	145,800	1,369.0	1,356.1	1,352.7
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
Total Civilian Labor Force	237,000	241,200	232,700	693,600	694,300	663,600	108,000	111,000	107,600
Total Unemployment	23,500	27,500	26,700	41,900	48,100	43,800	10,500	12,300	12,300
Percent Unemployed	9.9	11.4	11.5	6.0	6.9	6.6	9.7	11.1	11.4
Total Employment 2/	213,500	213,700	206,000	651,700	646,200	619,800	97,500	98,700	95,300
	HOUSTON 3/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	1,627.1	1,630.1	1,620.5	95,000	95,700	90,400	45,600	45,900	44,600
Total Unemployment	123.2	147.2	170.7	7,000	8,200	7,000	5,800	6,700	7,100
Percent Unemployed	7.6	9.0	10.5	7.4	8.6	7.7	12.7	14.6	15.9
Total Employment 2/	1,503.9	1,482.9	1,449.8	88,000	87,500	83,400	39,800	39,200	37,500
	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
Total Civilian Labor Force	80,400	81,000	80,800	114,600	115,000	112,900	151,400	149,200	146,300
Total Unemployment	7,300	8,600	9,400	6,200	7,400	7,500	25,300	28,000	28,600
Percent Unemployed	9.1	10.6	11.6	5.4	6.4	6.6	16.7	18.8	19.5
Total Employment 2/	73,100	72,400	71,400	108,400	107,600	105,400	126,100	121,200	117,700
	MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	51,700	51,800	52,100	56,700	57,200	59,300	46,300	46,400	46,100
Total Unemployment	3,600	4,300	6,100	4,500	5,500	9,900	2,600	2,900	3,300
Percent Unemployed	7.0	8.3	11.7	7.9	9.6	16.7	5.6	6.3	7.2
Total Employment 2/	48,100	47,500	46,000	52,200	51,700	49,400	43,700	43,500	42,800
	SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	614,500	613,700	592,200	50,700	50,700	49,600	58,200	58,200	57,100
Total Unemployment	45,000	50,600	44,400	3,500	4,100	4,000	4,400	4,700	4,600
Percent Unemployed	7.3	8.2	7.5	6.9	8.1	8.1	7.6	8.1	8.1
Total Employment 2/	569,500	563,100	547,800	47,200	46,600	45,600	53,800	53,500	52,500
	TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	76,900	77,300	77,300	38,600	39,100	38,500	96,400	95,400	93,100
Total Unemployment	5,800	7,000	7,100	2,900	3,400	3,900	7,300	7,900	7,500
Percent Unemployed	7.5	9.1	9.2	7.5	8.7	10.1	7.6	8.3	8.1
Total Employment 2/	71,100	70,300	70,200	35,700	35,700	34,600	89,100	87,500	85,600
	WICHITA FALLS						STATE OF TEXAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	58,300	58,800	57,200				8,409.4	8,429.9	8,294.8
Total Unemployment	3,900	4,600	4,700				618.2	717.3	739.6
Percent Unemployed	6.7	7.8	8.2				7.4	8.5	8.9
Total Employment 2/	54,400	54,200	52,500				7,791.2	7,712.6	7,555.2

1/ All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted).

2/ Includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes.

3/ In Thousands.

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HOURS AND EARNINGS IN TEXAS*

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Oct.± 1987	Sep. 1987	Oct. 1986	Oct.± 1987	Sep. 1987	Oct. 1986	Oct.± 1987	Sep. 1987	Oct. 1986
FOR TEXAS									
MANUFACTURING TOTAL	$ 413.97	$ 415.58	$ 396.20	41.9	41.6	41.1	$ 9.88	$ 9.99	$ 9.64
Durable Goods	408.37	406.43	388.10	42.1	41.6	41.2	9.70	9.77	9.42
Lumber & Wood Products	287.29	287.94	272.00	41.1	40.9	40.0	6.99	7.04	6.80
Furniture & Fixtures	260.58	265.34	256.00	40.4	39.9	40.7	6.45	6.65	6.29
Stone, Clay & Glass Prods.	398.90	389.08	380.06	43.5	42.2	42.8	9.17	9.22	8.88
Primary Metal Industries	448.33	427.28	410.01	41.9	40.5	39.5	10.70	10.55	10.38
Fabricated Metal Products	381.12	375.91	359.48	42.3	41.4	40.3	9.01	9.08	8.92
Machinery, exc. Electric	424.11	417.83	406.31	42.2	41.7	41.0	10.05	10.02	9.91
Oil Field Machinery	486.17	485.90	449.40	43.1	42.4	39.7	11.28	11.46	11.32
Electric & Electronic Equip.	448.32	453.02	416.37	43.4	42.9	42.1	10.33	10.56	9.89
Transportation Equipment	525.42	530.46	520.67	41.7	42.1	42.4	12.60	12.60	12.28
Instruments & Related Prod.	361.01	358.90	335.02	40.7	40.1	39.6	8.87	8.95	8.46
Misc. Manufacturing Inds.	267.11	264.88	288.29	38.6	38.5	41.6	6.92	6.88	6.93
Nondurable Goods	420.58	426.21	405.32	41.6	41.5	40.9	10.11	10.27	9.91
Food & Kindred Products	346.51	346.90	336.61	41.9	42.1	41.0	8.27	8.24	8.21
Meat Products	282.01	289.25	263.06	42.6	42.6	40.1	6.62	6.79	6.56
Malt Beverages	879.81	804.49	786.64	49.4	45.4	46.3	17.81	17.72	16.99
Textile Mill Products	308.42	303.26	310.46	43.5	43.2	44.8	7.09	7.02	6.93
Apparel & Other Text. Prods.	203.83	190.21	186.79	37.4	34.9	36.2	5.45	5.45	5.16
Paper & Allied Products	465.65	464.34	442.37	43.6	42.6	42.7	10.68	10.90	10.36
Printing & Publishing	388.05	402.98	391.84	39.0	40.5	39.5	9.95	9.95	9.92
Chemicals & Allied Products	665.95	680.90	627.50	43.3	44.1	42.6	15.38	15.44	14.73
Petroleum & Coal Products	665.55	679.76	646.71	43.7	44.4	42.8	15.23	15.31	15.11
Petroleum Refining	688.01	701.71	677.10	43.6	44.3	43.1	15.78	15.84	15.71
Leather & Leather Products	224.80	204.52	203.86	39.3	34.2	37.2	5.72	5.98	5.48
Other Nondurable Goods	394.85	415.40	382.19	45.7	45.9	44.7	8.64	9.05	8.55
NONMANUFACTURING									
Mining	473.18	476.01	489.60	40.1	39.9	40.8	11.80	11.93	12.00
Met/Coal/Nonmet Mnrls. exc. Fuel	563.65	542.24	496.76	45.9	43.8	41.5	12.28	12.38	11.97
Oil & Gas Extraction	466.87	470.84	490.01	39.7	39.6	40.8	11.76	11.89	12.01
Commun., exc. U. S. Postal Service	500.05	503.35	487.52	40.1	40.3	39.7	12.47	12.49	12.28
Elec., Gas & San. Services	446.35	451.93	422.41	39.5	40.1	39.7	11.30	11.27	10.64
Wholesale & Retail Trade	225.34	229.78	223.62	32.1	32.5	31.9	7.02	7.07	7.01
Wholesale Trade	385.33	384.33	379.82	39.4	38.9	39.4	9.78	9.88	9.64
Retail Trade	178.20	184.81	175.53	29.9	30.7	29.6	5.96	6.02	5.93
General Merchandise Stores	175.69	190.45	185.17	26.7	28.9	28.4	6.58	6.59	6.52
Banking	258.44	258.08	264.70	36.4	36.4	37.6	7.10	7.09	7.04

HOURS AND EARNINGS
FOR SELECTED
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

DALLAS									
Manufacturing	$ 409.63	$ 408.78	$ 391.11	42.1	41.5	41.3	$ 9.73	$ 9.85	$ 9.47
Durable Goods	434.59	433.75	421.73	43.2	42.4	42.3	10.06	10.23	9.97
Nondurable Goods	364.91	365.48	341.02	40.1	39.9	39.7	9.10	9.16	8.59
FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON									
Manufacturing	412.05	400.99	406.02	41.0	40.3	41.6	10.05	9.95	9.76
Durable Goods	437.22	422.99	426.12	40.9	40.4	41.9	10.69	10.47	10.17
Nondurable Goods	347.73	343.94	353.33	41.2	39.9	40.8	8.44	8.62	8.66
HOUSTON									
Manufacturing	493.19	493.24	469.37	43.8	44.0	42.4	11.26	11.21	11.07
Durable Goods	417.41	411.87	398.89	43.8	43.4	41.9	9.53	9.49	9.52
Nondurable Goods	576.85	581.17	550.84	43.8	44.5	42.9	13.17	13.06	12.84
SAN ANTONIO									
Manufacturing	308.74	305.96	296.61	40.2	40.1	40.3	7.68	7.63	7.36
Durable Goods	337.16	336.07	324.01	39.9	40.2	40.1	8.45	8.36	8.08
Nondurable Goods	279.05	274.80	270.54	40.5	40.0	40.5	6.89	6.87	6.68

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*Figures for Texas and selected areas cover Production Workers in Manufacturing and Mining Industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings' averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift work. ±Preliminary -- subject to revision upon receipt of additional reports.

SOURCE: Texas Employment Commission in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

Minor gains and losses within transportation and public utilities left this sector down by 100 in October. The largest of these was a decrease of 400 in electric, gas and sanitary services. Transportation, except railroads, increased by 200 over the month.

Almost all of the 3,600 additional jobs in manufacturing in October were generated by durable goods industries, as nondurable goods managed a gain of only 100. Within durable goods, the increases were moderate, but fairly widespread. Fabricated metal industries added 800 jobs, as some firms required help for seasonal inventory. Electric and electronic equipment increased by 600, and nonelectrical machinery and transportation equipment each registered 500 hires. The only decline in durable goods occurred in instruments and related products, which lost 100 jobs over the month.

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Two fairly sizeable decreases in nondurable goods virtually nullified several smaller gains. The largest decline was in food and kindred products, where 900 jobs were cut, due mainly to a seasonal layoff in preserved fruits and vegetables. Chemicals and allied products lost 800 positions in October, as agricultural chemicals registered a seasonal decrease. These declines were offset by smaller growth scattered through nondurable goods sectors. Employers in printing and publishing created 500 jobs, petroleum and coal products increased by 400, and paper and allied products gained 300 positions. Other nondurable sectors recorded minor additions or losses.

HOURS RISE, EARNINGS DECLINE

For the 629,700 manufacturing production workers in Texas, average weekly hours increased by 0.3 hour between September and October to 41.9 hours, while average hourly earnings decreased by 11¢ to $9.88 for the same time period, resulting in a drop in average weekly earnings of $1.61 to $413.97. The weekly earnings decline was the first since June, and only the second month-to-month dip recorded this year.

Compared to October 1986, the current hours and earnings totals were relatively favorable, with advances in average weekly hours of 0.8 hour, average hourly earnings of $.24 and average weekly earnings of $17.77.

TEC ACTIVITIES

	Oct. 1987	Oct. 1986
Total Population	16,877,000	16,721,000*
% UI Covered Unemployment	2.0	2.7
UI Covered Employers	313,402	314,752
Total Claims Actions	589,430	906,579
Total Initial Claims Actions	71,052	99,543
Total Cont'd. Claims Actions	518,378	807,036
Avg. Weekly Benefit Amount	$154.61	$157.39
Total Amount Paid (Net)**	$67,144,358	$114,868,604
Total Placements	31,729	28,584

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JOBLESS RATE INCREASES

The Texas actual unemployment rate rose moderately in November, following a sharp downturn in October. The actual rate climbed from 7.4 percent in October to 7.9 percent in November, as an additional 55,300 Texans were seeking work, pushing the total up to 673,500 at mid-month. Although unemployment was up over the month, the current rate of 7.9 percent was still much lower than the year-ago rate of 8.8 percent. Much of the increase in joblessness over the month was the result of people entering the labor market to seek Christmas work, as a relatively small number of Holiday jobs had been opened by mid-November.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES
(In Thousands)

	Nov. 1987	Oct. 1987	Nov. 1986
United States (Actual)			
Labor Force	120,611.0	120,743.0	118,623.0
Unemployment	6,802.0	6,845.0	7,872.0
Percent Unemployed	5.6	5.7	6.6
Total Employment	113,809.0	113,898.0	110,751.0
United States (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	120,616.0	120,361.0	118,675.0
Unemployment	7,116.0	7,174.0	8,243.0
Percent Unemployed	5.9	6.0	6.9
Total Employment	113,500.0	113,187.0	110,432.0
State of Texas (Actual)			
Labor Force	8,568.8	8,409.4	8,276.1
Unemployment	673.5	618.2	731.3
Percent Unemployed	7.9	7.4	8.8
Total Employment	7,895.3	7,791.2	7,544.8
State of Texas (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	8,573.0	8,390.0	8,301.0
Unemployment	725.0	653.0	793.0
Percent Unemployed	8.5	7.8	9.6
Total Employment	7,848.0	7,737.0	7,508.0

Total employment rose considerably over the month in the actual series, to an estimated 7,895,300 in mid-November -- well above its November 1986 level. The State's unemployment rate in the seasonally adjusted series also rose, from 7.8 percent in October to 8.5 percent in November, but was also below the November 1986 seasonally adjusted rate of 9.6 percent. In contrast to Texas, the U. S. unemployment rates in both series slid downward over the month, with the seasonally adjusted rate declining from 6.0 to 5.9 percent and the actual rate edging from 5.7 to 5.6 percent in November -- the lowest levels the Nation has seen since 1979.

NONFARM SALARIED JOBS COUNT RISES MODERATELY

Following two months of strong job growth due primarily to seasonal hiring in schools, Statewide nonagricultural wage and salary employment recorded a relatively small increase between October and November 1987, adding 15,000 jobs. In mid-November, there were an estimated 6,582,800 nonfarm salaried jobs in Texas, up 45,900 from the year-ago total.

Although most of the auxiliary staffing in education occurred in September and October, later-than-usual hiring within local and state schools once again generated the largest number of jobs in November, pushing government up by 7,900 over the

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	Nov.'87*	Oct.'87**	Nov.'86**	Nov.'87*	Oct.'87**	Nov.'86**	Nov.'87*	Oct.'87**	Nov.'86**
		ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN	
TOTAL	50,900	50,600	50,100	79,000	78,900	78,700	358,600	359,100	363,600
Manufacturing	4,700	4,700	4,900	9,600	9,600	9,900	39,700	39,700	40,200
Mining	2,200	2,200	2,300	1,200	1,200	1,300	900	900	1,000
Construction	2,300	2,300	2,300	4,200	4,300	4,200	19,000	19,100	22,600
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,600	2,600	2,500	5,700	5,700	6,000	10,900	10,900	11,200
Trade	14,400	14,300	14,000	23,900	23,700	23,400	79,900	79,600	82,000
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,600	2,600	2,600	4,300	4,200	4,300	24,800	25,000	25,700
Services & Misc.	13,400	13,400	13,200	16,400	16,500	16,300	83,800	84,300	83,600
Government	8,700	8,500	8,300	13,700	13,700	13,300	99,600	99,600	97,300
		BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN	
TOTAL	128,600	128,100	129,200	57,900	57,700	56,800	64,300	64,100	65,700
Manufacturing	24,100	24,100	25,100	15,000	15,100	15,200	9,300	9,400	9,700
Mining	1,700	1,600	1,500	1,300	1,300	1,200	--	--	--
Construction	7,400	7,300	7,500	6,000	5,800	5,900	2,500	2,500	2,800
Trans., Comm., & Util.	9,400	9,400	9,600	2,300	2,200	2,200	3,000	3,000	3,200
Trade	31,900	31,600	32,100	11,100	11,100	11,000	17,200	17,100	17,800
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,500	5,500	5,600	2,100	2,100	2,000	3,400	3,300	3,300
Services & Misc.	28,300	28,400	27,500	8,200	8,300	7,800	13,700	13,700	13,500
Government	20,300	20,200	20,300	11,900	11,800	11,500	15,200	15,100	15,400
		BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS 2/	
TOTAL	49,700	49,300	51,700	126,800	126,900	128,400	1,310.1	1,308.7	1,334.4
Manufacturing	3,000	3,000	2,800	11,400	11,500	11,600	223.9	222.9	225.0
Mining	900	900	800	5,300	5,300	6,400	18.8	18.8	19.1
Construction	2,200	2,200	2,000	7,200	7,200	8,300	58.9	60.2	74.1
Trans., Comm., & Util.	1,500	1,500	1,600	6,900	7,000	7,100	87.3	87.2	86.8
Trade	11,000	10,900	11,100	33,900	33,600	34,100	354.4	352.1	360.8
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,700	1,700	1,700	6,700	6,700	6,800	128.9	129.0	133.5
Services & Misc.	8,100	8,000	7,700	27,600	27,700	26,900	289.1	290.4	286.4
Government	21,300	21,100	24,000	27,800	27,900	27,200	148.8	148.1	148.7
		EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY	
TOTAL	186,200	186,200	184,300	519,200	520,300	513,400	68,400	69,300	69,500
Manufacturing	35,800	36,200	35,200	117,400	117,700	114,800	8,900	9,000	8,800
Mining	--	--	--	3,300	3,300	3,400	400	400	500
Construction	9,500	9,300	9,800	28,300	28,900	29,600	2,900	3,200	3,800
Trans., Comm., & Util.	10,000	10,000	10,100	28,300	28,200	27,200	4,100	4,300	4,700
Trade	46,000	45,700	45,600	134,000	134,000	137,200	13,500	13,600	13,500
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	9,900	9,900	9,800	28,600	29,000	28,400	4,200	4,300	4,600
Services & Misc.	35,800	35,700	35,300	114,200	114,500	109,600	13,300	13,400	12,900
Government	39,200	39,400	38,500	65,100	64,700	63,200	21,100	21,100	20,700

month. The bulk of the growth was in the local government sector, within city and county schools, where 6,400 jobs were created.

Seasonal factors were also responsible for the over-the-month increase of 4,400 in trade, as a portion of the additional personnel needed for the Holidays were hired. The majority of those jobs were added in general merchandise stores and in apparel and accessory stores. These gains were partially offset by a seasonal loss of 1,300 jobs among automotive dealers and service stations which was the largest decline in trade in November.

Transportation and public utilities rose by 2,100 mainly on the strength of a large upsurge in water transportation, as business activity along the coastal region accelerated. The other sectors of this industry group recorded either very small increases or no change from October to November. Employment in mining was virtually unchanged over the month, gaining only 200 jobs.

Construction continued its downturn in November, cutting an additional 2,500 jobs. One-fifth of the employment which existed in construction at its peak level in July 1985, or 93,000 positions, have been lost during the past 2½ years. The decrease over the month was the largest recorded by any industry sector.

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TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	Nov.'87*	Oct.'87**	Nov.'86**	Nov.'87*	Oct.'87**	Nov.'86**	Nov.'87*	Oct.'87**	Nov.'86**
	HOUSTON 2/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO		
TOTAL	1,385.7	1,385.3	1,384.8	69,300	68,800	68,600	35,800	35,500	35,100
Manufacturing	153.0	153.1	148.3	8,500	8,600	8,500	1,900	1,800	1,800
Mining	64.4	64.5	65.2	100	100	100	2,300	2,300	1,700
Construction	82.0	83.9	87.6	3,800	3,700	3,700	1,300	1,200	1,300
Trans., Comm., & Util.	90.5	90.3	92.7	2,600	2,600	2,800	4,200	4,100	4,000
Trade	352.8	350.0	360.4	16,600	16,200	16,700	9,900	9,900	10,400
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	95.3	95.6	100.3	2,900	2,900	3,000	1,600	1,600	1,600
Services & Misc.	355.6	356.8	340.6	14,400	14,400	13,900	6,100	6,100	6,000
Government	192.1	191.1	189.7	20,400	20,300	19,900	8,500	8,500	8,300
	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
TOTAL	64,600	64,400	65,500	92,000	91,500	91,700	92,200	91,300	87,900
Manufacturing	15,100	15,000	14,900	7,500	7,400	7,400	13,800	13,300	12,200
Mining	3,600	3,600	3,600	300	300	300	900	900	1,200
Construction	2,800	2,800	3,100	2,600	2,700	3,400	4,300	4,300	4,500
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,100	3,100	3,100	4,600	4,500	4,600	2,900	2,900	2,800
Trade	17,000	17,000	17,500	28,600	28,500	28,200	26,200	26,000	25,800
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,900	2,900	3,400	5,400	5,400	5,500	3,800	3,700	4,000
Services & Misc.	11,600	11,500	11,500	21,000	20,800	20,800	14,100	14,100	13,700
Government	8,500	8,500	8,400	22,000	21,900	21,500	26,200	26,100	23,700
	MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO		
TOTAL	44,400	44,300	44,600	44,900	44,900	44,000	37,200	37,000	37,000
Manufacturing	2,800	2,900	3,100	3,700	3,700	3,700	5,900	5,900	6,000
Mining	9,200	9,100	9,000	6,800	6,800	6,100	600	600	600
Construction	1,600	1,600	1,700	2,400	2,300	2,400	1,700	1,700	2,000
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,100	2,100	2,200	2,100	2,100	2,200	3,000	3,000	3,200
Trade	10,900	10,800	10,700	13,400	13,300	13,200	9,600	9,400	9,200
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,700	2,700	2,900	1,600	1,700	1,700	1,800	1,800	1,800
Services & Misc.	8,800	8,800	8,600	7,300	7,300	7,200	7,900	7,900	7,600
Government	6,300	6,300	6,400	7,600	7,700	7,500	6,700	6,700	6,600
	SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
TOTAL	499,900	497,900	497,300	38,300	38,300	38,300	45,400	45,300	45,400
Manufacturing	46,700	46,400	47,600	11,300	11,300	11,100	7,200	7,300	7,200
Mining	2,500	2,500	2,600	100	100	200	--	--	--
Construction	31,100	31,100	33,100	1,700	1,700	1,900	1,500	1,500	1,600
Trans., Comm., & Util.	18,000	18,100	18,100	2,100	2,100	2,100	1,700	1,700	1,800
Trade	132,500	132,400	131,300	8,700	8,700	8,800	11,400	11,300	11,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	39,200	39,200	38,900	1,400	1,400	1,500	1,900	1,900	1,900
Services & Misc.	118,700	118,400	116,100	7,900	7,900	7,500	9,200	9,200	9,100
Government	111,200	109,800	109,600	5,100	5,100	5,200	12,500	12,400	12,700
	TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO		
TOTAL	59,700	59,700	61,600	28,200	28,200	28,300	78,900	79,100	79,700
Manufacturing	10,900	10,900	11,200	3,100	3,200	3,000	14,700	15,000	15,400
Mining	1,900	1,900	1,800	1,800	1,800	1,800	100	100	100
Construction	2,500	2,500	2,900	1,900	1,900	1,900	3,900	3,800	3,900
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,600	2,600	2,700	1,400	1,400	1,500	3,400	3,400	3,500
Trade	15,900	16,000	16,700	8,000	7,900	8,100	19,600	19,400	19,500
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,600	3,600	3,700	1,500	1,500	1,500	4,800	4,800	4,800
Services & Misc.	13,200	13,200	13,700	5,900	5,900	6,000	19,800	20,000	19,900
Government	9,100	9,000	8,900	4,600	4,600	4,500	12,600	12,600	12,600
	WICHITA FALLS								
TOTAL	50,200	50,200	50,100						
Manufacturing	7,900	7,900	8,100						
Mining	2,000	2,000	2,000						
Construction	2,000	2,000	2,000						
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,600	2,600	2,600						
Trade	12,600	12,500	12,400						
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,400	2,400	2,400						
Services & Misc.	11,200	11,200	11,100						
Government	9,500	9,600	9,500						

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1/ Estimates prepared by TEC in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

2/ In Thousands.

TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY ESTIMATES 1/

Industry	Nov. 1987*	Oct. 1987**	Nov. 1986**	Change From Oct. 1987	Change From Nov. 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT±	6,582,800	6,567,800	6,536,900	15,000	45,900
Manufacturing	978,400	974,400	947,900	4,000	30,500
Durable Goods	568,800	566,500	548,400	2,300	20,400
Lumber & Wood Products	36,200	36,700	36,700	-500	-500
Logging Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills	7,000	7,000	7,200	0	-200
Furniture & Fixtures	18,500	18,400	17,500	100	1,000
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	44,700	44,800	45,800	-100	-1,100
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Products	19,000	19,200	20,700	-200	-1,700
Primary Metal Industries	29,300	28,800	28,100	500	1,200
Fabricated Metal Industries	76,900	76,600	74,900	300	2,000
Fabricated Structural Metal Products	37,700	37,800	38,000	-100	-300
Machinery, Except Electrical	107,500	106,900	103,600	600	3,900
Oil Field Machinery	24,900	24,600	23,800	300	1,100
Electric & Electronic Equipment	124,600	123,900	119,600	700	5,000
Transportation Equipment	94,800	94,900	86,900	-100	7,900
Aircraft & Parts	53,900	53,700	49,500	200	4,400
Instruments & Related Products	22,600	22,200	21,900	400	700
Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries	13,700	13,300	13,400	400	300
Nondurable Goods	409,600	407,900	399,500	1,700	10,100
Food & Kindred Products	99,900	100,200	97,600	-300	2,300
Meat Products	29,000	29,100	27,300	-100	1,700
Dairy Products	5,000	4,900	4,900	100	100
Bakery Products	11,400	11,300	11,300	100	100
Malt Beverages	3,100	3,100	3,100	0	0
Textile Mill Products	4,200	4,300	4,100	-100	100
Apparel & Other Finished Textile Products	52,300	51,600	49,900	700	2,400
Paper & Allied Products	24,800	24,500	23,200	300	1,600
Printing & Publishing	77,400	76,600	76,800	800	600
Newspaper, Periodicals, Books & Misc. Publ.	38,500	38,000	38,400	500	100
Chemicals & Allied Products	73,800	74,000	73,600	-200	200
Petroleum & Coal Products	32,800	32,800	33,600	0	-800
Petroleum Refining	29,500	29,500	30,300	0	-800
Leather & Leather Products	8,000	7,900	7,200	100	800
Other Nondurable Goods	36,400	36,000	33,500	400	2,900
Total Nonmanufacturing	5,604,400	5,593,400	5,589,000	11,000	15,400
Mining	194,300	194,100	191,500	200	2,800
Metal & Coal & Nonmet. Mnrls., Exc. Fuel	10,100	10,200	10,500	-100	-400
Oil & Gas Extraction	184,200	183,900	181,000	300	3,200
Construction	365,900	368,400	392,500	-2,500	-26,600
Transportation & Public Utilities	385,600	383,500	374,900	2,100	10,700
Railroad Transportation	20,700	20,700	21,600	0	-900
Transportation, Except Railroads	204,200	202,400	190,900	1,800	13,300
Transportation by Air	57,900	57,800	50,700	100	7,200
Communication, Exc. U. S. Postal Service	84,800	84,800	85,600	0	-800
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	75,900	75,600	76,800	300	-900
Electric Services	41,700	41,500	42,800	200	-1,100
Gas Production & Distribution	26,900	26,900	26,900	0	0
Wholesale & Retail Trade	1,674,900	1,670,500	1,684,900	4,400	-10,000
Wholesale Trade	412,100	412,900	418,500	-800	-6,400
Retail Trade	1,262,800	1,257,600	1,266,400	5,200	-3,600
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	43,100	43,400	45,300	-300	-2,200
General Merchandise Stores	180,500	178,000	173,400	2,500	7,100
Food Stores	235,100	234,900	236,000	200	-900
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	130,600	131,900	135,800	-1,300	-5,200
Apparel & Accessory Stores	78,100	76,600	84,400	1,500	-6,300
Eating & Drinking Places	403,900	403,400	398,800	500	5,100
Other Retail Trade	191,500	189,400	192,700	2,100	-1,200
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	434,700	435,700	442,800	-1,000	-8,100
Banking	95,300	95,500	100,800	-200	-5,500
Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers	136,400	136,600	135,900	-200	500
Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	203,000	203,600	206,100	-600	-3,100
Services	1,383,200	1,383,300	1,366,000	-100	17,200
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	84,600	84,300	85,300	300	-700
Personal Services	82,000	82,300	81,200	-300	800
Business & Repair Services	361,200	361,600	366,500	-400	-5,300
Amusement, Including Motion Pictures	50,000	50,300	51,300	-300	-1,300
Health Services	392,800	392,900	374,600	-100	18,200
Educational Services	78,500	77,900	73,000	600	5,500
Other Services & Miscellaneous	334,100	334,000	334,100	100	0
Total Government	1,165,800	1,157,900	1,136,400	7,900	29,400
Total Federal Government	193,500	193,300	192,100	200	1,400
Total State Government	256,600	255,300	243,600	1,300	13,000
Total Local Government	715,700	709,300	700,700	6,400	15,000

1/ Estimated number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas without reference to place of residence of workers. ±Estimates of TEC in cooperation with Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

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CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

	Nov. '87*	Oct. '87**	Nov. '86**	Nov. '87*	Oct. '87**	Nov. '86**	Nov. '87*	Oct. '87**	Nov. '86**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	58,000	56,700	55,600	105,800	103,500	100,300	453,500	444,500	434,100
Total Unemployment	4,400	4,000	5,100	6,600	5,900	6,500	29,400	26,200	25,400
Percent Unemployed	7.6	7.1	9.2	6.2	5.7	6.5	6.5	5.9	5.9
Total Employment 2/	53,600	52,700	50,500	99,200	97,600	93,800	424,100	418,300	408,700
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	165,500	162,900	162,200	85,400	83,800	81,100	97,700	95,200	95,200
Total Unemployment	18,400	17,100	20,500	7,500	6,900	8,500	14,200	12,600	13,700
Percent Unemployed	11.1	10.5	12.6	8.8	8.2	10.5	14.5	13.2	14.4
Total Employment 2/	147,100	145,800	141,700	77,900	76,900	72,600	83,500	82,600	81,500
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	61,200	60,200	61,200	168,800	165,700	166,700	1,481.2	1,455.1	1,431.1
Total Unemployment	3,000	2,800	3,700	17,500	16,300	20,800	91.7	84.9	83.5
Percent Unemployed	4.9	4.7	6.0	10.4	9.8	12.5	6.2	5.8	5.8
Total Employment 2/	58,200	57,400	57,500	151,300	149,400	145,900	1,389.5	1,370.2	1,347.6
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
Total Civilian Labor Force	243,000	238,400	228,800	706,500	694,000	665,100	109,000	108,200	106,400
Total Unemployment	25,700	23,700	24,800	46,100	42,000	43,500	10,900	10,500	11,700
Percent Unemployed	10.6	9.9	10.8	6.5	6.1	6.5	10.0	9.7	11.0
Total Employment 2/	217,300	214,700	204,000	660,400	652,000	621,600	98,100	97,700	94,700
	HOUSTON 3/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	1,651.0	1,621.8	1,614.2	96,900	94,900	90,300	47,200	45,400	45,000
Total Unemployment	131.6	123.0	166.1	7,600	7,100	6,900	6,800	5,800	7,600
Percent Unemployed	8.0	7.6	10.3	7.8	7.5	7.6	14.4	12.8	16.9
Total Employment 2/	1,519.4	1,498.8	1,448.1	89,300	87,800	83,400	40,400	39,600	37,400
	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
Total Civilian Labor Force	81,500	80,200	80,300	117,000	114,700	112,300	158,300	151,700	148,500
Total Unemployment	7,800	7,300	9,000	6,600	6,200	7,000	28,900	25,400	30,100
Percent Unemployed	9.6	9.1	11.2	5.6	5.4	6.2	18.3	16.7	20.3
Total Employment 2/	73,700	72,900	71,300	110,400	108,500	105,300	129,400	126,300	118,400
	MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	52,600	51,500	52,000	58,000	57,000	59,000	47,600	46,800	46,000
Total Unemployment	3,900	3,600	5,800	4,500	4,500	9,500	2,800	2,600	3,200
Percent Unemployed	7.4	7.0	11.2	7.8	7.9	16.1	5.9	5.6	7.0
Total Employment 2/	48,700	47,900	46,200	53,500	52,500	49,500	44,800	44,200	42,800
	SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	628,700	615,100	595,200	52,000	50,900	49,300	59,500	58,600	57,300
Total Unemployment	48,900	45,000	45,900	3,800	3,500	3,900	4,600	4,400	4,600
Percent Unemployed	7.8	7.3	7.7	7.3	6.9	7.9	7.7	7.5	8.0
Total Employment 2/	579,800	570,100	549,300	48,200	47,400	45,400	54,900	54,200	52,700
	TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	78,200	76,600	77,000	39,200	38,500	38,500	98,200	96,100	93,500
Total Unemployment	6,400	5,800	6,900	3,000	2,900	3,800	8,200	7,200	7,400
Percent Unemployed	8.2	7.6	9.0	7.7	7.5	9.9	8.4	7.5	7.9
Total Employment 2/	71,800	70,800	70,100	36,200	35,600	34,700	90,000	88,900	86,100
	WICHITA FALLS						STATE OF TEXAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	59,600	58,400	57,200				8,568.8	8,409.4	8,276.1
Total Unemployment	4,100	3,900	4,600				673.5	618.2	731.3
Percent Unemployed	6.9	6.7	8.0				7.9	7.4	8.8
Total Employment 2/	55,500	54,500	52,600				7,895.3	7,791.2	7,544.8

1/ All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted).
2/ Includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes.
3/ In Thousands.
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HOURS AND EARNINGS IN TEXAS*

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Nov.± 1987	Oct. 1987	Nov. 1986	Nov.± 1987	Oct. 1987	Nov. 1986	Nov.± 1987	Oct. 1987	Nov. 1986
FOR TEXAS									
MANUFACTURING TOTAL	$ 416.94	$ 415.38	$ 401.44	42.2	42.0	41.3	$ 9.88	$ 9.89	$ 9.72
Durable Goods	413.10	411.16	392.76	42.5	42.3	41.3	9.72	9.72	9.51
Lumber & Wood Products	291.62	287.41	272.74	41.6	41.0	39.7	7.01	7.01	6.87
Furniture & Fixtures	267.54	261.70	241.42	42.4	40.2	38.2	6.31	6.51	6.32
Stone, Clay & Glass Prods.	381.10	392.96	381.07	41.2	42.9	42.2	9.25	9.16	9.03
Primary Metal Industries	447.44	448.79	419.45	41.7	42.1	40.1	10.73	10.66	10.46
Fabricated Metal Products	375.84	378.90	364.01	41.9	42.1	40.9	8.97	9.00	8.90
Machinery, exc. Electric	424.72	423.42	409.18	42.6	42.3	41.0	9.97	10.01	9.98
Oil Field Machinery	486.17	486.76	459.73	43.1	43.0	39.7	11.28	11.32	11.58
Electric & Electronic Equip.	454.75	451.36	434.87	43.6	43.4	43.4	10.43	10.40	10.02
Transportation Equipment	565.29	547.75	526.87	44.9	43.3	42.8	12.59	12.65	12.31
Instruments & Related Prod.	365.03	360.53	333.20	41.2	40.6	39.2	8.86	8.88	8.50
Misc. Manufacturing Inds.	274.82	282.29	265.47	39.6	40.5	39.8	6.94	6.97	6.67
Nondurable Goods	420.34	420.16	411.76	41.7	41.6	41.3	10.08	10.10	9.97
Food & Kindred Products	344.86	349.87	341.14	41.3	41.9	41.4	8.35	8.35	8.24
Meat Products	274.48	277.38	269.99	41.4	41.9	40.6	6.63	6.62	6.65
Malt Beverages	789.38	865.89	788.90	44.8	48.7	46.0	17.62	17.78	17.15
Textile Mill Products	328.84	312.45	314.05	45.8	44.7	44.8	7.18	6.99	7.01
Apparel & Other Text. Prods.	202.13	200.54	187.72	37.5	37.0	36.1	5.39	5.42	5.20
Paper & Allied Products	470.65	465.25	452.12	43.7	43.4	43.1	10.77	10.72	10.49
Printing & Publishing	398.45	389.27	390.22	40.7	39.4	39.9	9.79	9.88	9.78
Chemicals & Allied Products	663.15	667.29	654.87	43.4	43.5	43.6	15.28	15.34	15.02
Petroleum & Coal Products	667.51	652.08	649.73	43.8	42.9	43.2	15.24	15.20	15.04
Petroleum Refining	690.46	673.38	678.08	43.7	42.7	43.3	15.80	15.77	15.66
Leather & Leather Products	233.92	227.55	211.23	40.4	39.3	38.9	5.79	5.79	5.43
Other Nondurable Goods	387.13	391.30	386.35	44.6	45.5	45.4	8.68	8.60	8.51
NONMANUFACTURING									
Mining	485.44	475.14	487.59	41.0	40.3	40.7	11.84	11.79	11.98
Met/Coal/Nonmet Mnrls. exc. Fuel	560.36	567.03	495.14	45.3	46.1	41.4	12.37	12.30	11.96
Oil & Gas Extraction	480.26	470.00	487.59	40.7	40.0	40.7	11.80	11.75	11.98
Commun., exc. U. S. Postal Service	488.17	486.53	492.85	39.4	39.3	40.2	12.39	12.38	12.26
Elec., Gas & San. Services	467.71	450.54	420.03	40.6	39.8	39.0	11.52	11.32	10.77
Wholesale & Retail Trade	223.62	225.34	223.30	31.9	32.1	31.9	7.01	7.02	7.00
Wholesale Trade	391.24	386.32	380.03	39.4	39.3	39.3	9.93	9.83	9.67
Retail Trade	175.22	177.61	175.23	29.8	29.9	29.6	5.88	5.94	5.92
General Merchandise Stores	165.06	174.69	185.83	26.2	27.0	28.9	6.30	6.47	6.43
Banking	271.32	255.95	276.90	38.0	36.1	39.0	7.14	7.09	7.10

HOURS AND EARNINGS
FOR SELECTED
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

DALLAS									
Manufacturing	$ 406.71	$ 408.50	$ 397.40	41.8	42.2	41.7	$ 9.73	$ 9.68	$ 9.53
Durable Goods	432.71	432.72	423.69	42.8	43.1	42.2	10.11	10.04	10.04
Nondurable Goods	363.81	364.91	355.01	40.2	40.5	40.9	9.05	9.01	8.68
FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON									
Manufacturing	420.68	411.45	408.93	41.9	40.9	41.6	10.04	10.06	9.83
Durable Goods	449.21	437.22	431.53	42.1	40.9	42.1	10.67	10.69	10.25
Nondurable Goods	348.16	347.68	349.80	41.3	41.0	40.3	8.43	8.48	8.68
HOUSTON									
Manufacturing	487.93	491.24	480.63	43.8	43.9	43.3	11.14	11.19	11.10
Durable Goods	410.64	413.54	413.86	43.5	43.9	43.2	9.44	9.42	9.58
Nondurable Goods	572.42	577.29	557.26	44.1	43.9	43.4	12.98	13.15	12.84
SAN ANTONIO									
Manufacturing	305.96	299.10	307.44	40.1	39.2	42.0	7.63	7.63	7.32
Durable Goods	336.98	331.50	329.67	40.6	39.7	40.7	8.30	8.35	8.10
Nondurable Goods	275.92	267.33	285.55	39.7	38.8	43.2	6.95	6.89	6.61

*Figur[illegible] Texas and selected areas cover Production Workers in Manufacturing and Mining Industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings' averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift work. ±Preliminary -- subject to revision upon receipt of additional reports.

SOURCE: Texas Employment Commission in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

All sectors of finance, insurance and real estate decreased over the month, for an overall loss of 1,000 jobs. The largest drop occurred in the real estate portion, which continues to suffer from the glut of both residential and office space and the depressed economy. Both increases and decreases in services were modest, leaving this group's total down only 100 in November. A gain of 600 in educational services was the largest advance, and the biggest decline was a loss of 400 jobs in business and repair services.

Again this month, manufacturing recorded a sizeable increase, generating 2,300 jobs in durable goods and 1,700 positions in nondurable goods, for a total gain of 4,000. The only decline of any size occurred in lumber and wood products, which has been hurt by the downturn in construction. The largest growth in the durable goods sector was an increase of 700 in electric and electronic equipment. Nonelectrical machinery recorded 600 additional jobs, including a gain of 300 in oil field machinery; and employers in primary metal industries added 500 positions in November.

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Within nondurable goods, the most significant increase occurred in printing and publishing, which increased by 800 due in part to a seasonal recall of workers involved in the printing of yearbooks. Seasonal factors also pushed employment up in apparel and other finished textile products, where 700 jobs were created. A moderate decline of 300 in food and kindred products was the largest drop in nondurable goods in November.

HOURS AND TOTAL WEEKLY EARNINGS RISE

In November, there were an estimated 633,800 manufacturing production workers in Texas, up 3,700 from the October estimate. The average production worker in November was working a 42.2-hour week at $9.88 per hour, for a weekly income of $416.94. Average hourly earnings decreased by $.01 over the month while average weekly hours increased by 0.2 hour, resulting in an increase in average weekly earnings of $1.56. Comparisons to a year ago reflect a much greater rise in earnings, boosted by a 2% advance in the number of hours worked. Relative to November 1986, average weekly hours were up by 0.9 hour from 41.3 hours, with average hourly earnings and average weekly earnings showing gains of $.16 from $9.72 and $15.50 from $401.44, respectively.

TEC ACTIVITIES

	Nov. 1987	Nov. 1986
Total Population	16,890,000	16,734,000*
% UI Covered Unemployment	1.9	2.7
UI Covered Employers	313,572	314,783
Total Claims Actions	514,893	743,127
Total Initial Claims Actions	64,970	78,162
Total Cont'd. Claims Actions	449,923	664,965
Avg. Weekly Benefit Amount	$152.98	$156.15
Total Amount Paid (Net)**	$58,604,436	$87,356,875
Total Placements	26,030	21,295

*Revised.
**Regular State UI benefits.

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TEXAS
Labor Market Review

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JOBLESS RATE DROPS

The Statewide actual unemployment rate declined from 7.9 percent in November to 6.8 percent in December 1987, as the number of jobless Texans decreased by 99,500 over the month. The current rate was the lowest in the actual series since December 1985. In mid-December, there were an estimated 574,000 unemployed, over 150,000 below the December 1986 total, when the actual rate was 8.7 percent. Total employment slid downward slightly over the month, to 7,881,000, but was still up substantially from the year-ago level.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES
(In Thousands)

	Dec. 1987	Nov. 1987	Dec. 1986
United States (Actual)			
Labor Force	120,205.0	120,611.0	118,049.0
Unemployment	6,526.0	6,802.0	7,461.0
Percent Unemployed	5.4	5.6	6.3
Total Employment	113,679.0	113,809.0	110,588.0
United States (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	120,722.0	120,616.0	118,586.0
Unemployment	6,978.0	7,116.0	7,949.0
Percent Unemployed	5.8	5.9	6.7
Total Employment	113,744.0	113,500.0	110,637.0
State of Texas (Actual)			
Labor Force	8,455.0	8,568.8	8,317.5
Unemployment	574.0	673.5	724.1
Percent Unemployed	6.8	7.9	8.7
Total Employment	7,881.0	7,895.3	7,593.4
State of Texas (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	8,470.0	8,573.0	8,354.0
Unemployment	639.0	725.0	804.0
Percent Unemployed	7.5	8.5	9.6
Total Employment	7,831.0	7,848.0	7,550.0

Since the jobless rates have fluctuated somewhat for the past three months, a quarterly average may give a more accurate picture of the State's actual economic condition. Using these averages, the State's actual unemployment rate has declined from a high of 9.1 percent in the first quarter of 1987, to 8.8 percent for the second quarter, 8.5 percent in the third quarter, down to 7.4 percent in the last quarter of 1987.

In the seasonally adjusted series, the rate also dropped over the month, from 8.5 percent to 7.5 percent in mid-December, down from 9.6 percent in December 1986. The National unemployment rates are the lowest in many years, as the actual rate continued to slide downward to 5.4 percent in December 1987. The seasonally adjusted rate also declined slightly, to 5.8 percent in December.

NONFARM SALARIED JOBS COUNT RISES MODERATELY

Texas nonagricultural wage and salary employment rose by 7,200 between November and December, its smallest increase since September, despite a fairly large seasonal gain in the trade sector. In mid-December, the number of nonfarm salaried jobs in Texas was estimated at 6,587,700, up 48,900 from the December 1986 total. Aside from the increase in trade, only mining and finance, insurance and real estate generated employment growth over the month, as all other major industries recorded declines.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	Dec.'87*	Nov.'87**	Dec.'86**	Dec.'87*	Nov.'87**	Dec.'86**	Dec.'87*	Nov.'87**	Dec.'86**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
TOTAL	50,800	50,900	50,300	79,300	79,000	78,700	359,400	358,700	364,400
Manufacturing	4,700	4,700	4,900	9,600	9,600	9,800	39,600	39,700	39,800
Mining	2,200	2,200	2,300	1,200	1,200	1,400	900	900	1,000
Construction	2,300	2,300	2,300	4,000	4,400	4,000	19,000	19,000	21,900
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,600	2,600	2,500	5,700	5,700	6,000	10,700	10,900	11,400
Trade	14,600	14,400	14,200	24,200	23,900	23,700	80,800	80,000	83,300
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,600	2,600	2,600	4,400	4,300	4,300	24,900	24,900	25,700
Services & Misc.	13,300	13,400	13,100	16,400	16,300	16,100	83,800	83,800	83,400
Government	8,500	8,700	8,400	13,800	13,600	13,400	99,700	99,500	97,900
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
TOTAL	127,900	128,300	129,600	58,500	58,000	56,800	64,500	64,400	65,900
Manufacturing	24,100	24,100	24,800	15,300	15,000	15,200	9,300	9,300	9,900
Mining	1,600	1,600	1,500	1,300	1,300	1,300	--	--	--
Construction	7,300	7,400	7,500	6,000	6,000	5,600	2,500	2,500	2,800
Trans., Comm., & Util.	9,300	9,300	9,500	2,200	2,300	2,200	3,000	3,000	3,200
Trade	31,600	31,800	32,900	11,500	11,200	11,300	17,600	17,200	17,800
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,500	5,500	5,600	2,100	2,100	2,000	3,400	3,400	3,300
Services & Misc.	28,300	28,300	27,500	8,300	8,200	7,700	13,500	13,800	13,500
Government	20,200	20,300	20,300	11,800	11,900	11,500	15,200	15,200	15,400
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS 2/		
TOTAL	49,500	49,900	47,900	127,000	127,000	129,200	1,311.2	1,311.1	1,333.0
Manufacturing	3,100	3,000	2,800	11,400	11,400	11,800	223.7	224.2	224.1
Mining	900	900	800	5,300	5,300	6,300	18.7	18.8	19.3
Construction	2,200	2,300	2,100	7,000	7,300	8,000	57.3	58.9	72.1
Trans., Comm., & Util.	1,600	1,500	1,600	7,000	6,900	7,100	87.8	87.4	86.7
Trade	11,000	11,100	11,000	34,000	34,000	34,600	358.1	354.4	363.6
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,700	1,700	1,700	6,700	6,700	6,900	128.3	128.7	133.1
Services & Misc.	8,000	8,100	7,700	27,700	27,600	27,300	288.4	289.8	284.9
Government	21,000	21,300	20,200	27,900	27,800	27,200	148.9	148.9	149.2
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
TOTAL	187,400	186,300	185,500	517,400	518,300	515,200	69,000	68,400	70,100
Manufacturing	35,900	35,800	35,200	117,800	117,800	114,900	8,900	8,900	9,200
Mining	--	--	--	3,300	3,300	3,400	400	400	400
Construction	9,400	9,500	9,700	25,800	27,400	29,400	3,000	2,900	3,700
Trans., Comm., & Util.	10,000	10,000	10,200	28,200	28,200	27,300	4,300	4,100	4,800
Trade	46,700	45,800	46,500	135,000	134,000	139,000	13,600	13,500	13,800
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	9,900	9,900	9,600	28,600	28,600	28,600	4,300	4,200	4,600
Services & Misc.	36,000	35,800	35,500	113,500	113,800	109,500	13,400	13,300	12,800
Government	39,500	39,500	38,800	65,200	65,200	63,100	21,100	21,100	20,800

The over-the-month increase of 10,200 in trade was concentrated in three retail sectors -- general merchandise stores, which added 6,300 jobs; other retail trade (which includes gift shops and jewelry stores), where 2,100 positions were created; and apparel and accessory stores, which gained 1,600 jobs in December

Following a minor upturn in November, mining advanced by 1,600 jobs in December -- its largest increase since July. All of the growth was in oil and gas extraction. Finance, insurance and real estate recorded the only other employment gain in December, although it was relatively small. A sizeable advance of 1,000 in banking was partially nullified by downturns in the other two sectors, leaving this group with a total increase of only 500.

Among the industries losing jobs over the month, the largest downturn was in services, which declined by 1,900 in December due primarily to 2,300 jobs which were deleted as the fall semester was completed in private schools and colleges. A moderate gain of 1,300 in health services, as hospitals and doctors' offices added personnel, was insufficient to overcome the larger losses in the educational sector.

Construction, plagued by poor weather during the past month, lost an additional 1,800 jobs, for its fourth consecutive month of cutbacks. Small losses within the state and local sectors pushed employment down by 500 in government between November and December.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	Dec.'87*	Nov.'87**	Dec.'86**	Dec.'87*	Nov.'87**	Dec.'86**	Dec.'87*	Nov.'87**	Dec.'86**
	HOUSTON 2/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO		
TOTAL	1,391.9	1,387.4	1,389.3	69,300	69,300	68,300	35,800	35,700	35,000
Manufacturing	152.9	153.3	147.9	8,500	8,500	8,400	1,700	1,900	1,800
Mining	64.5	64.5	64.8	100	100	100	2,300	2,300	1,700
Construction	80.6	81.5	86.2	3,600	3,600	3,700	1,300	1,300	1,300
Trans., Comm., & Util.	90.3	90.3	92.5	2,600	2,600	2,800	4,200	4,200	4,000
Trade	361.1	355.8	365.3	16,700	16,600	16,700	10,100	9,900	10,400
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	95.4	95.4	101.5	2,900	2,900	3,000	1,600	1,600	1,600
Services & Misc.	355.4	354.6	342.0	14,400	14,400	13,800	6,000	6,000	6,000
Government	191.7	192.0	189.1	20,500	20,600	19,800	8,600	8,500	8,200
	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
TOTAL	64,900	64,700	65,500	92,600	92,000	92,700	93,400	92,700	88,100
Manufacturing	15,000	15,100	14,800	7,500	7,500	7,300	14,200	13,900	12,300
Mining	3,600	3,600	3,600	300	300	300	1,000	900	1,200
Construction	2,800	2,800	3,200	2,500	2,600	3,300	4,400	4,400	4,700
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,100	3,100	3,100	4,900	4,700	4,700	2,800	3,000	2,800
Trade	17,300	17,000	17,500	29,000	28,500	28,900	26,800	26,400	25,800
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,000	3,000	3,400	5,400	5,400	5,400	3,800	3,700	3,900
Services & Misc.	11,600	11,600	11,500	20,900	21,000	20,900	14,100	14,100	13,700
Government	8,500	8,500	8,400	22,100	22,000	21,900	26,300	26,300	23,700
	MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO		
TOTAL	45,100	44,600	44,500	45,800	45,100	44,100	37,600	37,200	37,300
Manufacturing	2,800	2,800	3,100	3,700	3,700	3,600	5,900	5,800	5,900
Mining	9,500	9,300	8,800	7,000	6,800	6,100	600	600	600
Construction	1,500	1,600	1,600	2,400	2,500	2,500	1,700	1,700	2,000
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,200	2,100	2,200	2,200	2,100	2,200	3,200	3,100	3,200
Trade	11,100	10,900	11,000	13,700	13,400	13,500	9,800	9,600	9,600
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,700	2,700	2,900	1,700	1,600	1,600	1,800	1,800	1,800
Services & Misc.	8,800	8,800	8,600	7,400	7,400	7,200	7,800	7,900	7,500
Government	6,500	6,400	6,300	7,700	7,600	7,400	6,800	6,700	6,700
	SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
TOTAL	500,300	499,800	497,300	38,100	38,400	38,200	45,500	45,500	45,700
Manufacturing	46,300	46,800	47,000	11,200	11,400	11,100	7,300	7,400	7,200
Mining	2,600	2,500	2,600	100	100	200	--	--	--
Construction	31,200	31,000	32,800	1,700	1,700	1,700	1,700	1,700	1,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	18,000	18,000	18,000	2,100	2,100	2,100	1,700	1,700	1,800
Trade	134,900	133,000	132,900	8,700	8,700	8,900	11,100	11,200	11,500
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	39,100	39,200	38,900	1,400	1,400	1,400	1,900	1,900	1,900
Services & Misc.	117,900	118,400	115,800	7,900	7,900	7,600	9,300	9,200	9,200
Government	110,300	110,900	109,300	5,000	5,100	5,200	12,500	12,400	12,700
	TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO		
TOTAL	60,200	59,900	61,300	28,700	28,300	28,400	79,000	78,900	79,100
Manufacturing	10,900	10,900	11,100	3,200	3,100	3,100	14,700	14,800	15,200
Mining	1,900	1,900	1,800	1,800	1,800	1,900	100	100	100
Construction	2,700	2,700	2,800	2,000	2,000	1,800	3,700	3,800	3,800
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,600	2,600	2,700	1,500	1,400	1,600	3,400	3,400	3,500
Trade	16,200	15,900	16,600	8,200	8,000	8,100	19,900	19,600	19,400
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,600	3,600	3,800	1,500	1,500	1,500	4,800	4,800	4,800
Services & Misc.	13,200	13,200	13,600	5,900	5,900	5,900	19,700	19,800	19,700
Government	9,100	9,100	8,900	4,600	4,600	4,500	12,700	12,600	12,600
	WICHITA FALLS								
TOTAL	50,600	50,300	50,300						
Manufacturing	8,100	8,000	8,100						
Mining	2,000	2,000	2,000						
Construction	2,000	2,000	2,000						
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,600	2,600	2,600						
Trade	12,800	12,600	12,500						
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,400	2,400	2,400						
Services & Misc.	11,200	11,200	11,100						
Government	9,500	9,500	9,600						

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1/ Estimates prepared by TEC in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

2/ In Thousands.

TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY ESTIMATES 1/

Industry	Dec. 1987*	Nov. 1987**	Dec. 1986**	Change From Nov. 1987	Change From Dec. 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT±	6,587,700	6,580,500	6,538,800	7,200	48,900
Manufacturing	977,700	978,500	944,800	-800	32,900
Durable Goods	568,000	568,600	545,300	-600	22,700
Lumber & Wood Products	36,000	36,200	36,500	-200	-500
Logging Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills	7,000	7,000	7,300	0	-300
Furniture & Fixtures	18,600	18,500	16,900	100	1,700
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	44,600	44,700	45,000	-100	-400
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Products	18,900	19,000	20,100	-100	-1,200
Primary Metal Industries	29,200	29,200	27,600	0	1,600
Fabricated Metal Industries	76,900	76,900	74,600	0	2,300
Fabricated Structural Metal Products	37,600	37,700	37,500	-100	100
Machinery, Except Electrical	106,900	107,500	102,900	-600	4,000
Oil Field Machinery	24,600	24,800	23,500	-200	1,100
Electric & Electronic Equipment	124,400	124,700	119,200	-300	5,200
Transportation Equipment	95,400	94,700	87,500	700	7,900
Aircraft & Parts	54,200	53,900	50,100	300	4,100
Instruments & Related Products	22,500	22,600	21,900	-100	600
Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries	13,500	13,600	13,200	-100	300
Nondurable Goods	409,700	409,900	399,500	-200	10,200
Food & Kindred Products	100,100	99,900	97,400	200	2,700
Meat Products	28,800	29,000	27,300	-200	1,500
Dairy Products	4,900	5,000	4,900	-100	0
Bakery Products	11,400	11,400	11,100	0	300
Malt Beverages	3,100	3,100	3,100	0	0
Textile Mill Products	4,200	4,200	4,000	0	200
Apparel & Other Finished Textile Products	52,000	52,300	49,900	-300	2,100
Paper & Allied Products	25,000	24,800	23,300	200	1,700
Printing & Publishing	76,800	77,500	77,100	-700	-300
Newspaper, Periodicals, Books & Misc. Publ.	38,200	38,600	39,100	-400	-900
Chemicals & Allied Products	74,000	73,800	73,400	200	600
Petroleum & Coal Products	32,600	32,800	33,500	-200	-900
Petroleum Refining	29,300	29,500	30,200	-200	-900
Leather & Leather Products	8,300	8,000	7,100	300	1,200
Other Nondurable Goods	36,700	36,600	33,800	100	2,900
Total Nonmanufacturing	5,610,000	5,602,000	5,594,000	8,000	16,000
Mining	195,800	194,200	191,400	1,600	4,400
Metal & Coal & Nonmet. Mnrls., Exc. Fuel	10,100	10,100	10,500	0	-400
Oil & Gas Extraction	185,700	184,100	180,900	1,600	4,800
Construction	362,300	364,100	385,800	-1,800	-23,500
Transportation & Public Utilities	383,300	383,400	374,600	-100	8,700
Railroad Transportation	20,400	20,300	21,400	100	-1,000
Transportation, Except Railroads	202,100	202,600	190,700	-500	11,400
Transportation by Air	58,300	57,900	51,600	400	6,700
Communication, Exc. U. S. Postal Service	85,100	84,800	85,700	300	-600
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	75,700	75,700	76,800	0	-1,100
Electric Services	41,600	41,700	42,900	-100	-1,300
Gas Production & Distribution	26,900	26,800	26,900	100	0
Wholesale & Retail Trade	1,688,000	1,677,800	1,699,500	10,200	-11,500
Wholesale Trade	412,300	412,100	417,200	200	-4,900
Retail Trade	1,275,700	1,265,700	1,282,300	10,000	-6,600
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	43,000	43,000	44,600	0	-1,600
General Merchandise Stores	189,700	183,400	181,000	6,300	8,700
Food Stores	236,300	235,800	239,900	500	-3,600
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	130,300	130,600	134,500	-300	-4,200
Apparel & Accessory Stores	79,700	78,100	88,300	1,600	-8,600
Eating & Drinking Places	403,000	403,200	398,600	-200	4,400
Other Retail Trade	193,700	191,600	195,400	2,100	-1,700
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	434,500	434,000	444,900	500	-10,400
Banking	96,400	95,400	100,500	1,000	-4,100
Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers	136,200	136,300	136,500	-100	-300
Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	201,900	202,300	207,900	-400	-6,000
Services	1,380,800	1,382,700	1,359,800	-1,900	21,000
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	83,700	83,900	84,200	-200	-500
Personal Services	82,200	81,800	82,400	400	-200
Business & Repair Services	361,000	360,800	365,500	200	-4,500
Amusement, Including Motion Pictures	49,700	50,100	50,400	-400	-700
Health Services	394,300	393,000	375,200	1,300	19,100
Educational Services	76,200	78,500	70,800	-2,300	5,400
Other Services & Miscellaneous	333,700	334,600	331,300	-900	2,400
Total Government	1,165,300	1,165,800	1,138,000	-500	27,300
Total Federal Government	193,400	193,400	192,800	0	600
Total State Government	256,900	257,000	243,700	-100	13,200
Total Local Government	715,000	715,400	701,500	-400	13,500

1/ Estimated number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas without reference to place of residence of workers. ±Estimates of TEC in cooperation with Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

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CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

	Dec. '87*	Nov. '87**	Dec '86**	Dec. '87*	Nov. '87**	Dec. '86**	Dec. '87*	Nov. '87**	Dec. '86**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	57,000	58,000	55,800	104,400	105,800	100,400	447,600	453,800	437,800
Total Unemployment	3,500	4,400	5,000	5,200	6,500	6,200	24,200	29,300	25,800
Percent Unemployed	6.1	7.6	9.0	5.0	6.1	6.2	5.4	6.5	5.9
Total Employment 2/	53,500	53,600	50,800	99,200	99,300	94,200	423,400	424,500	412,000
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	162,500	165,700	162,200	84,600	85,700	81,500	96,500	98,000	95,700
Total Unemployment	16,000	18,400	19,900	6,400	7,500	8,500	12,400	14,200	14,100
Percent Unemployed	9.8	11.1	12.3	7.6	8.8	10.4	12.8	14.5	14.7
Total Employment 2/	146,500	147,300	142,300	78,200	78,200	73,000	84,100	83,800	81,600
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	60,500	61,400	57,500	166,000	168,600	168,000	1,461.3	1,480.5	1,440.8
Total Unemployment	2,400	3,000	3,600	15,000	17,500	20,500	75.6	91.5	82.6
Percent Unemployed	4.0	4.9	6.3	9.0	10.4	12.2	5.2	6.2	5.7
Total Employment 2/	58,100	58,400	53,900	151,000	151,100	147,500	1,3[illegible]5.7	1,389.0	1,358.2
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
Total Civilian Labor Force	239,700	243,400	231,100	692,800	703,500	671,800	108,300	109,300	106,900
Total Unemployment	22,700	25,900	24,800	38,700	46,000	43,000	9,700	10,900	11,300
Percent Unemployed	9.5	10.6	10.7	5.6	6.5	6.4	9.0	10.0	10.6
Total Employment 2/	217,000	217,500	206,300	654,100	657,500	628,800	98,600	98,400	95,600
	HOUSTON 3/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	1,633.7	1,655.7	1,620.2	95,600	97,200	90,500	47,100	47,300	45,400
Total Unemployment	109.9	131.6	160.9	6,300	7,600	6,900	6,600	6,900	7,700
Percent Unemployed	6.7	7.9	9.9	6.6	7.8	7.6	14.0	14.6	17.0
Total Employment 2/	1,523.8	1,524.1	1,459.3	89,300	89,600	83,600	40,500	40,400	37,700
	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
Total Civilian Labor Force	80,500	81,800	80,700	116,500	116,800	113,800	157,400	159,500	150,400
Total Unemployment	6,800	7,800	9,300	6,000	6,500	6,800	25,800	29,400	29,800
Percent Unemployed	8.4	9.5	11.5	5.2	5.6	6.0	16.4	18.4	19.8
Total Employment 2/	73,700	74,000	71,400	110,500	110,300	107,000	131,600	130,100	120,600
	MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	52,600	52,800	51,900	57,700	58,000	59,200	47,500	47,700	46,100
Total Unemployment	3,200	3,800	5,500	3,700	4,500	9,000	2,500	2,800	3,100
Percent Unemployed	6.1	7.2	10.6	6.4	7.8	15.2	5.3	5.9	6.7
Total Employment 2/	49,400	49,000	46,400	54,000	53,500	50,200	45,000	44,900	43,000
	SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	620,200	627,900	599,100	51,500	52,100	49,600	59,500	59,700	58,200
Total Unemployment	42,300	48,700	45,100	3,400	3,800	3,900	4,200	4,600	4,900
Percent Unemployed	6.8	7.8	7.5	6.6	7.3	7.9	7.1	7.7	8.4
Total Employment 2/	577,900	579,200	554,000	48,100	48,300	45,700	55,300	55,100	53,300
	TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	77,700	78,500	77,700	39,100	39,300	38,500	96,700	98,300	93,700
Total Unemployment	5,400	6,500	7,300	2,600	3,000	3,700	6,900	8,100	7,600
Percent Unemployed	6.9	8.3	9.4	6.6	7.6	9.6	7.1	8.2	8.1
Total Employment 2/	72,300	72,000	70,400	36,500	36,300	34,800	89,800	90,200	86,100
	WICHITA FALLS						STATE OF TEXAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	59,000	59,400	57,800				8,455.0	8,568.8	8,317.5
Total Unemployment	3,700	4,100	4,600				574.0	673.5	724.1
Percent Unemployed	6.3	6.9	8.0				6.8	7.9	8.7
Total Employment 2/	55,300	55,300	53,200				7,881.0	7,895.3	7,593.4

1/ All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted).
2/ Includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes.
3/ In Thousands.
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HOURS AND EARNINGS IN TEXAS*

—	Average Weekly Earnings Dec.± 1987	Average Weekly Earnings Nov. 1987	Average Weekly Earnings Dec. 1986	Average Weekly Hours Dec.± 1987	Average Weekly Hours Nov. 1987	Average Weekly Hours Dec. 1986	Average Hourly Earnings Dec.± 1987	Average Hourly Earnings Nov. 1987	Average Hourly Earnings Dec. 1986
FOR TEXAS									
MANUFACTURING TOTAL	$ 423.02	$ 416.22	$ 411.60	42.6	42.0	42.0	$ 9.93	$ 9.91	$ 9.80
Durable Goods	425.09	412.43	407.46	43.2	42.3	42.4	9.84	9.75	9.61
Lumber & Wood Products	297.65	293.15	285.93	42.4	41.7	41.2	7.02	7.03	6.94
Furniture & Fixtures	260.01	257.86	249.60	40.5	40.8	39.0	6.42	6.32	6.40
Stone, Clay & Glass Prods.	399.25	384.29	397.25	42.7	41.5	42.9	9.35	9.26	9.26
Primary Metal Industries	442.15	448.28	422.50	41.4	41.7	40.9	10.68	10.75	10.33
Fabricated Metal Products	394.58	376.68	373.50	43.6	41.9	41.5	9.05	8.99	9.00
Machinery, exc. Electric	441.67	427.71	422.00	43.6	42.9	42.2	10.13	9.97	10.00
Oil Field Machinery	503.05	489.29	459.15	44.4	43.3	40.1	11.33	11.30	11.45
Electric & Electronic Equip.	459.80	450.58	444.97	44.0	43.2	44.1	10.45	10.43	10.09
Transportation Equipment	579.80	562.32	556.96	44.6	44.0	44.7	13.00	12.78	12.46
Instruments & Related Prod.	367.04	362.09	344.66	41.9	41.1	40.5	8.76	8.81	8.51
Misc. Manufacturing Inds.	281.80	274.13	267.11	40.2	39.5	38.6	7.01	6.94	6.92
Nondurable Goods	420.68	421.59	417.25	41.9	41.7	41.6	10.04	10.11	10.03
Food & Kindred Products	353.93	343.20	346.09	42.9	41.2	41.3	8.25	8.33	8.38
Meat Products	298.60	274.48	271.76	44.7	41.4	39.5	6.68	6.63	6.88
Malt Beverages	865.80	804.25	821.96	48.1	45.8	47.9	18.00	17.56	17.16
Textile Mill Products	340.49	328.13	318.96	46.2	45.7	45.5	7.37	7.18	7.01
Apparel & Other Text. Prods.	197.10	203.04	192.88	37.4	37.6	36.6	5.27	5.40	5.27
Paper & Allied Products	470.80	469.34	463.32	44.0	43.7	44.0	10.70	10.74	10.53
Printing & Publishing	386.31	398.29	388.00	39.5	40.6	40.0	9.78	9.81	9.70
Chemicals & Allied Products	665.28	670.34	649.93	43.2	43.5	43.3	15.40	15.41	15.01
Petroleum & Coal Products	675.77	671.44	674.96	44.4	44.0	43.8	15.22	15.26	15.41
Petroleum Refining	698.36	696.08	701.80	44.2	44.0	44.0	15.80	15.82	15.95
Leather & Leather Products	226.12	233.45	226.24	39.6	40.6	40.4	5.71	5.75	5.60
Other Nondurable Goods	382.35	384.99	399.97	44.1	44.1	47.0	8.67	8.73	8.51
NONMANUFACTURING									
Mining	496.10	482.30	501.74	41.9	40.7	41.5	11.84	11.85	12.09
Met/Coal/Nonmet Mnrls. exc. Fuel	571.46	560.03	509.54	45.9	45.2	41.8	12.45	12.39	12.19
Oil & Gas Extraction	490.88	477.12	500.11	41.6	40.4	41.4	11.80	11.81	12.08
Commun., exc. U. S. Postal Service	498.24	500.45	488.71	39.7	40.1	39.7	12.55	12.48	12.31
Elec., Gas & San. Services	453.89	467.83	421.79	39.4	40.4	39.2	11.52	11.58	10.76
Wholesale & Retail Trade	222.45	223.30	225.78	32.1	31.9	32.3	6.93	7.00	6.99
Wholesale Trade	387.11	390.25	382.31	39.3	39.3	39.7	9.85	9.93	9.63
Retail Trade	175.48	174.93	178.49	30.1	29.8	30.1	5.83	5.87	5.93
General Merchandise Stores	170.37	165.53	194.30	27.0	26.4	29.8	6.31	6.27	6.52
Banking	250.62	270.61	266.92	35.2	37.9	37.7	7.12	7.14	7.08

HOURS AND EARNINGS
FOR SELECTED
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

DALLAS									
Manufacturing	$ 418.16	$ 408.66	$ 408.96	42.8	42.0	42.6	$ 9.77	$ 9.73	$ 9.60
Durable Goods	452.17	432.39	438.05	44.2	42.6	43.2	10.23	10.15	10.14
Nondurable Goods	360.45	366.38	359.81	40.5	40.8	41.5	8.90	8.98	8.67
FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON									
Manufacturing	429.94	423.30	428.00	41.5	41.5	42.8	10.36	10.20	10.00
Durable Goods	462.73	451.94	453.10	41.8	41.5	43.4	11.07	10.89	10.44
Nondurable Goods	345.87	350.66	361.79	40.5	41.4	41.3	8.54	8.47	8.76
HOUSTON									
Manufacturing	503.09	488.81	485.70	44.6	43.8	43.6	11.28	11.16	11.14
Durable Goods	423.41	412.66	417.41	44.9	43.9	43.3	9.43	9.40	9.64
Nondurable Goods	591.41	573.34	564.52	44.3	43.8	44.0	13.35	13.09	12.83
SAN ANTONIO									
Manufacturing	304.40	307.44	309.09	40.0	40.4	41.6	7.61	7.61	7.43
Durable Goods	331.28	337.00	333.23	40.4	40.7	40.1	8.20	8.28	8.31
Nondurable Goods	276.90	277.49	286.38	39.5	40.1	43.0	7.01	6.92	6.66

*Figures for Texas and selected areas cover Production Workers in Manufacturing and Mining Industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings' averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift work. ±Preliminary -- subject to revision upon receipt of additional reports.

SOURCE: Texas Employment Commission in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

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Within transportation and public utilities, a sizeable decline in transportation, except railroads, outweighed small increases in communication and in electric, gas and sanitary services, pushing employment for this industry down by 100.

For the first time in 1987, manufacturing lost jobs over the month, as 800 positions were deleted. While none of the sectors recorded sizeable declines, the modest decreases were fairly widespread, both in durable and nondurable goods. Employment in durable goods dropped by 600, as the majority of its segments registered losses.

The largest downturn was in nonelectrical machinery, which decreased by 600 positions in December. Although oil field machinery dropped slightly, the majority of the nonelectrical machinery losses were not in this sector. Smaller drops in employment occurred in electric and electronic equipment; lumber and wood products; stone, clay and glass products; and instruments and related products. The only notable increase in durable goods was in transportation equipment, which gained 700 jobs over the month.

Nondurable goods declined by only 200 positions in December, as small increases and declines offset each other. The biggest loss occurred in printing and publishing, which dropped 700 jobs as the printing of year books was completed. The largest gain in this sector was the seasonal increase of 300 in leather and leather products.

HOURS AND EARNINGS ON THE RISE

Average weekly hours and average hourly earnings both increased between November and December, resulting in a rise in average weekly earnings of $6.80. Of the estimated 632,600 manufacturing production workers in Texas in mid-December, the average worker registered a 42.6-hour week at $9.93 an hour for weekly earnings of $423.02. Average weekly hours were up 0.6 hour both over the month and year; average hourly earnings advanced $.02 from November and $.13 from December 1986.

QUARTERLY UI BENEFITS PAID BY MSA
4TH QUARTER 1987
October - December 1987

Abilene	$ 1,253,786
Amarillo	2,036,498
Austin	10,451,412
Beaumont-Port Arthur	5,790,750
Brazoria PMSA	2,533,209
Brownsville-Harlingen	3,026,678
Bryan-College Station	750,098
Corpus Christi	4,669,295
Dallas PMSA	33,717,407
El Paso	6,418,193
Fort Worth-Arlington PMSA	16,133,526
Galveston-Texas City PMSA	3,755,957
Houston PMSA	42,113,775
Killeen-Temple	1,701,129
Laredo	1,371,150
Longview-Marshall	2,257,745
Lubbock	1,482,657
McAllen-Edinburg-Mission	5,053,410
Midland	1,172,557
Odessa	1,137,804
San Angelo	718,818
San Antonio	13,973,220
Sherman-Denison	1,306,798
Texarkana (Bowie Co. only)	826,177
Tyler	2,181,114
Victoria	922,231
Waco	3,189,244
Wichita Falls	1,428,135
State of Texas	200,156,350

TEC ACTIVITIES

	Dec. 1987	Dec. 1986
Total Population	16,903,000	16,747,000*
% UI Covered Unemployment	1.9	2.7
UI Covered Employers	312,891	312,910
Total Claims Actions	677,361	967,853
Total Initial Claims Actions	74,023	96,067
Total Cont'd. Claims Actions	603,338	871,786
Avg. Weekly Benefit Amount	$153.17	$156.12
Total Amount Paid (Net)**	$77,826,644	$125,348,426
Total Placements	27,056	21,633

*Revised.
**Regular State UI benefits.

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TEXAS
Labor Market Review

TEXAS EMPLOYMENT COMMISSION FEBRUARY 1988 AUSTIN, TEXAS 78778

ALL ESTIMATES FOR 1987 REVISED

All civilian labor force and nonagricultural wage and salary employment estimates for 1987 have been revised. The 1987 revised estimates appearing in this issue are not comparable to any previously published data for 1986. These revisions utilize the most recent data available, to reflect a refinement of previously published estimates.

All labor force and nonagricultural wage and salary estimates for 1986 are also being revised and should be available within the next month. Tabulations of revised data for the State or for specific MSA's may be obtained by writing to the Texas Employment Commission, TEC Building, Austin, TX 78778. Please specify the areas for which data is required.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES
(In Thousands)

	Jan. 1988	Dec. 1987	Jan. 1987
United States (Actual)			
Labor Force	119,742.0	120,205.0	117,704.0
Unemployment	7,603.0	6,526.0	8,620.0
Percent Unemployed	6.3	5.4	7.3
Total Employment	112,139.0	113,679.0	109,084.0
United States (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	121,175.0	120,722.0	118,978.0
Unemployment	7,046.0	6,978.0	7,964.0
Percent Unemployed	5.8	5.8	6.7
Total Employment	114,129.0	113,744.0	111,014.0
State of Texas (Actual)			
Labor Force	8,161.7	8,269.2	8,127.3
Unemployment	682.5	561.4	798.8
Percent Unemployed	8.4	6.8	9.8
Total Employment	7,479.2	7,707.8	7,328.5
State of Texas (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	8,255.0	8,286.0	8,219.0
Unemployment	660.0	640.0	775.0
Percent Unemployed	8.0	7.7	9.4
Total Employment	7,595.0	7,646.0	7,444.0

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE CLIMBS SEASONALLY

The Texas actual unemployment rate rose sharply over the month, from 6.8 percent in December 1987 to 8.4 percent in January 1988, as over 120,000 additional Texans were unemployed in mid-January. Although unemployment rose seasonally in January, the current rate was still well below the year-ago level of 9.8 percent in the actual series. The fact that much of the increase in joblessness in January was due to seasonal factors is shown by the minimal increase from 7.7 percent in December to 8.0 percent in January in the seasonally adjusted series for Texas. The January 1988 rate in this series is also considerably below the year-ago rate of 9.4 percent. Although the National actual rate rose from 5.4 percent in December to 6.3 percent in January, the seasonally adjusted U. S. rate remained unchanged, at 5.8 percent.

ALL SECTORS OF NONFARM SALARIED EMPLOYMENT DECLINE

The count of nonagricultural wage and salary jobs in Texas declined by 63,100 over the month, totaling 6,517,700 in mid-January. Compared to a year earlier, however, the jobs count had improved somewhat, rising by 77,100 positions. No major industry

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	Jan.'88*	Dec.'87**	Jan.'87**	Jan.'88*	Dec.'87**	Jan.'87**	Jan.'88*	Dec.'87**	Jan.'87**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
TOTAL	49,100	49,100	48,800	78,300	78,700	77,100	349,900	354,000	354,700
Manufacturing	4,600	4,600	4,600	9,800	9,800	9,800	39,300	39,700	39,600
Mining	2,000	2,000	2,200	1,300	1,300	1,400	800	800	800
Construction	2,000	2,000	2,200	3,700	3,700	3,400	16,200	16,400	18,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,400	2,500	2,500	5,700	5,700	5,700	10,700	10,700	11,000
Trade	13,600	13,700	13,500	22,800	23,300	22,500	78,200	80,400	78,000
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,700	2,700	2,600	4,500	4,400	4,600	24,700	24,800	25,200
Services & Misc.	13,100	13,100	12,900	16,200	16,200	15,900	83,100	84,000	83,500
Government	8,700	8,500	8,300	14,300	14,300	13,800	96,900	97,200	98,200
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
TOTAL	127,100	129,100	128,300	57,100	57,800	55,300	65,900	66,400	64,500
Manufacturing	24,800	24,800	24,700	15,400	15,500	15,300	10,100	10,100	9,700
Mining	1,400	1,500	1,500	1,900	1,900	1,700	--	--	--
Construction	7,300	7,400	8,100	5,700	5,900	5,300	2,100	2,100	2,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	9,700	9,800	10,100	2,300	2,300	2,200	3,000	3,100	3,000
Trade	31,200	32,200	31,300	11,000	11,200	10,900	17,600	17,600	17,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,300	5,300	5,200	2,000	2,000	1,900	3,500	3,600	3,300
Services & Misc.	27,300	27,900	27,600	7,900	8,000	7,400	13,500	13,800	12,900
Government	20,100	20,200	19,800	10,900	11,000	10,600	16,100	16,100	16,100
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS 2/		
TOTAL	45,400	48,600	45,700	124,100	124,500	124,100	1,328.3	1,342.1	1,319.9
Manufacturing	3,100	3,200	3,000	11,200	11,200	11,700	221.5	222.8	218.9
Mining	700	700	600	3,900	3,900	4,700	18.3	18.4	19.5
Construction	2,100	2,200	2,000	6,100	6,300	7,800	54.5	57.5	66.9
Trans., Comm., & Util.	1,600	1,600	1,600	6,900	6,900	7,100	89.8	90.1	87.6
Trade	9,500	9,700	10,000	32,200	32,300	31,400	347.9	353.4	350.3
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,700	1,700	1,800	6,800	6,900	6,700	131.0	131.4	132.6
Services & Misc.	8,300	8,500	8,000	29,000	29,000	27,500	314.7	316.9	296.2
Government	18,400	21,000	18,700	28,000	28,000	27,200	150.6	151.6	147.9
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
TOTAL	187,100	187,500	183,600	512,700	518,900	508,500	69,300	70,200	70,500
Manufacturing	37,600	37,000	35,100	116,100	117,400	113,100	8,400	8,500	8,800
Mining	--	--	--	3,500	3,600	3,600	500	600	500
Construction	9,000	9,400	9,800	20,300	21,400	25,800	3,200	3,300	4,700
Trans., Comm., & Util.	10,200	10,300	10,100	30,200	30,400	28,400	4,800	5,000	5,800
Trade	46,800	47,500	45,800	135,900	139,100	135,800	13,800	14,100	13,400
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	9,500	9,600	9,400	27,300	27,600	27,700	4,100	4,100	4,200
Services & Misc.	35,000	34,700	33,600	111,800	112,000	109,200	13,700	13,900	12,500
Government	39,000	39,000	39,800	67,600	67,400	64,900	20,800	20,700	20,600

sector recorded employment gains over the month, although some of the drops were minor ones. The largest losses in January were in industries which normally reflect seasonal declines at this time of year. Wholesale and retail trade lost 29,500 jobs over the month, with all of the decreases concentrated in the retail portion. Close to 10,000 positions were cut in general merchandise stores, while eating and drinking places declined by 5,700, while food stores and automotive dealers and service stations each lost 4,300 jobs. Trade is currently 2,400 positions below its January 1987 level.

Poor weather during part of the reporting period pushed employment down further in construction, which lost 12,900 jobs between December and January. The break between semesters at state and local schools and colleges was the primary impetus behind the loss of 9,400 jobs in government over the month. Early retirements at a military installation also caused federal government to decrease moderately.

Transportation and public utilities lost 5,200 jobs in January, due primarily to the normal post-Holiday decline in Holiday travel by air combined with less business and poor weather which curtailed trucking and warehousing. An additional 2,200 jobs were deleted in mining between December and January. A decrease of 1,000 jobs among insurance carriers, agents and brokers caused the modest downturn within finance,

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	Jan.'88*	Dec.'87**	Jan.'87**	Jan.'88*	Dec.'87**	Jan.'87**	Jan.'88*	Dec.'87**	Jan.'87**
	HOUSTON 2/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO		
TOTAL	1,386.4	1,401.3	1,361.5	69,800	70,100	68,500	36,300	36,000	34,700
Manufacturing	148.8	149.0	142.8	7,900	7,900	8,300	1,800	1,700	1,700
Mining	62.9	63.2	62.8	100	100	100	2,100	2,100	1,600
Construction	79.7	81.4	84.4	3,400	3,400	3,700	1,300	1,300	1,300
Trans., Comm., & Util.	97.2	97.9	96.9	2,700	2,700	2,600	4,600	4,600	4,200
Trade	353.0	361.0	350.3	16,300	16,400	16,300	10,400	10,400	10,200
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	97.2	98.3	101.4	2,900	2,900	2,900	1,600	1,600	1,600
Services & Misc.	360.3	361.9	337.3	15,000	15,000	14,300	6,000	5,800	5,800
Government	187.3	188.6	185.6	21,500	21,700	20,300	8,500	8,500	8,300
	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
TOTAL	64,600	65,100	64,000	90,800	92,900	89,600	93,100	91,900	89,500
Manufacturing	15,700	15,700	14,700	7,300	7,200	7,200	13,700	12,700	12,800
Mining	3,500	3,600	3,500	400	400	500	900	900	900
Construction	3,000	3,100	2,900	3,000	3,200	3,400	3,900	3,900	3,900
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,000	3,100	3,100	5,000	5,100	4,900	2,800	2,800	3,000
Trade	16,700	16,800	16,700	27,200	27,900	26,300	27,600	27,500	27,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,700	2,700	3,400	5,200	5,200	5,300	3,800	3,800	3,800
Services & Misc.	11,500	11,600	11,300	21,500	21,900	21,100	14,700	14,700	14,000
Government	8,500	8,500	8,400	21,200	22,000	20,900	25,700	25,600	24,000
	MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO		
TOTAL	43,400	44,400	43,200	43,500	43,900	41,100	36,100	36,600	36,000
Manufacturing	2,700	2,900	2,900	3,800	3,700	3,500	5,600	5,700	5,600
Mining	9,900	10,100	9,600	6,200	6,300	5,700	400	500	500
Construction	1,200	1,100	1,300	2,000	2,200	2,200	1,500	1,500	1,700
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,100	2,100	2,100	2,100	2,200	2,000	3,200	3,200	3,200
Trade	10,300	10,600	10,200	12,700	12,900	12,000	9,500	9,500	9,200
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,500	2,500	2,700	1,700	1,700	1,600	1,800	1,800	1,800
Services & Misc.	8,400	8,600	8,300	7,400	7,200	6,700	7,700	7,700	7,400
Government	6,300	6,500	6,100	7,600	7,700	7,400	6,400	6,700	6,600
	SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
TOTAL	503,600	507,000	495,900	37,700	38,000	37,100	45,300	46,000	45,200
Manufacturing	46,300	46,600	46,500	11,000	11,000	11,000	7,300	7,400	7,400
Mining	2,600	2,600	2,700	100	100	100	100	100	100
Construction	28,900	29,700	30,400	1,500	1,600	1,600	2,000	2,200	1,800
Trans., Comm., & Util.	18,100	18,100	18,200	2,000	2,000	2,100	1,700	1,700	1,900
Trade	132,400	133,800	127,500	8,300	8,400	8,200	10,400	10,900	10,700
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	39,800	39,700	39,100	1,800	1,700	1,600	1,900	1,900	1,800
Services & Misc.	120,500	120,500	117,000	8,700	8,900	7,400	9,400	9,300	9,000
Government	[illegible]	116,000	114,500	4,300	4,300	5,100	12,500	12,500	12,500
	TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO		
TOTAL	60,900	61,500	60,400	27,500	27,500	26,700	77,100	79,200	76,900
Manufacturing	10,500	10,800	10,800	3,000	3,000	2,700	14,700	14,600	14,500
Mining	1,800	1,900	1,900	1,500	1,500	1,600	100	100	100
Construction	2,200	2,300	2,600	1,700	1,700	1,700	3,400	3,300	3,600
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,800	2,800	2,600	1,500	1,500	1,400	3,300	3,300	3,400
Trade	16,600	16,700	16,600	7,900	8,000	8,000	19,000	19,700	18,900
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,700	3,700	3,700	1,500	1,500	1,500	4,600	4,600	4,800
Services & Misc.	14,300	14,300	13,400	5,300	5,700	5,400	19,800	20,000	19,400
Government	9,000	9,000	8,800	4,600	4,600	4,400	12,200	12,600	12,200
	WICHITA FALLS								
TOTAL	50,200	50,300	49,400						
Manufacturing	8,400	8,400	8,300						
Mining	1,900	1,900	1,800						
Construction	1,700	1,700	1,800						
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,600	2,600	2,600						
Trade	12,200	12,400	12,000						
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,300	2,300	2,400						
Services & Misc.	11,500	11,500	11,100						
Government	9,600	9,500	9,400						

* Preliminary -- subject to revision. ** Revised.

1/ Estimates prepared by TEC in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

2/ In Thousands.

TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY ESTIMATES 1/

Industry	Jan. 1988*	Dec. 1987**	Jan. 1987**	Change From Dec. 1987	Change From Jan. 1987
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT±	6,517,700	6,580,800	6,440,600	-63,100	77,100
Manufacturing	940,700	943,300	914,900	-2,600	25,800
Durable Goods	538,600	539,100	520,800	-500	17,800
Lumber & Wood Products	33,200	33,500	34,000	-300	-800
Logging Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills	6,500	6,500	6,700	0	-200
Furniture & Fixtures	17,200	17,300	16,300	-100	900
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	43,100	43,700	43,700	-600	-600
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Products	18,700	18,900	19,700	-200	-1,000
Primary Metal Industries	27,800	27,600	26,300	200	1,500
Fabricated Metal Industries	73,500	73,200	70,700	300	2,800
Fabricated Structural Metal Products	35,400	35,400	34,900	0	500
Machinery, Except Electrical	101,200	100,900	97,100	300	4,100
Oil Field Machinery	22,200	21,800	20,700	400	1,500
Electric & Electronic Equipment	116,600	116,300	114,400	300	2,200
Transportation Equipment	91,500	91,700	84,400	-200	7,100
Aircraft & Parts	53,000	52,500	50,000	500	3,000-
Instruments & Related Products	21,500	21,600	21,200	-100	300
Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries	13,000	13,300	12,700	-300	300
Nondurable Goods	402,100	404,200	394,100	-2,100	8,000
Food & Kindred Products	98,100	98,400	96,000	-300	2,100
Meat Products	28,700	29,200	27,900	-500	800
Dairy Products	4,900	4,600	4,600	300	300
Bakery Products	10,400	10,500	10,200	-100	200
Malt Beverages	3,100	3,100	3,000	0	100
Textile Mill Products	4,000	4,000	3,900	0	100
Apparel & Other Finished Textile Products	54,600	54,500	50,900	100	3,700
Paper & Allied Products	25,100	25,000	23,400	100	1,700
Printing & Publishing	72,900	73,100	73,900	-200	-1,000
Newspaper, Periodicals, Books & Misc. Publ.	35,800	36,000	37,300	-200	-1,500
Chemicals & Allied Products	72,900	74,300	73,800	-1,400	-900
Petroleum & Coal Products	32,600	32,600	33,400	0	-800
Petroleum Refining	29,300	29,300	30,100	0	-800
Leather & Leather Products	8,000	8,200	6,700	-200	1,300
Other Nondurable Goods	33,900	34,100	32,100	-200	1,800
Total Nonmanufacturing	5,577,000	5,637,500	5,525,700	-60,500	51,300
Mining	182,500	184,700	181,400	-2,200	1,100
Metal & Coal & Nonmet. Mnrls., Exc. Fuel	9,800	9,700	10,100	100	-300
Oil & Gas Extraction	172,700	175,000	171,300	-2,300	1,400
Construction	324,300	337,200	350,600	-12,900	-26,300
Transportation & Public Utilities	383,200	388,400	377,600	-5,200	5,600
Railroad Transportation	20,800	21,100	21,400	-300	-600
Transportation, Except Railroads	202,100	206,800	193,700	-4,700	8,400
Transportation by Air	57,400	58,300	52,500	-900	4,900
Communication, Exc. U. S. Postal Service	84,600	84,800	85,600	-200	-1,000
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	75,700	75,700	76,900	0	-1,200
Electric Services	41,500	41,600	42,700	-100	-1,200
Gas Production & Distribution	26,900	26,900	27,000	0	-100
Wholesale & Retail Trade	1,637,600	1,667,100	1,640,000	-29,500	-2,400
Wholesale Trade	408,200	407,900	410,000	300	-1,800
Retail Trade	1,229,400	1,259,200	1,230,000	-29,800	-600
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	43,700	44,700	43,700	-1,000	0
General Merchandise Stores	170,500	180,100	167,900	-9,600	2,600
Food Stores	224,800	229,100	227,200	-4,300	-2,400
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	131,700	132,500	134,300	-800	-2,600
Apparel & Accessory Stores	79,500	83,800	85,400	-4,300	-5,900
Eating & Drinking Places	391,500	397,200	381,900	-5,700	9,600
Other Retail Trade	187,700	191,800	189,600	-4,100	-1,900
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	438,800	439,500	442,300	-700	-3,500
Banking	98,600	98,500	100,000	100	-1,400
Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers	136,800	137,800	137,300	-1,000	-500
Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	203,400	203,200	205,000	200	-1,600
Services	1,449,500	1,450,100	1,390,800	-600	58,700
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	80,200	81,200	81,200	-1,000	-1,000
Personal Services	83,400	83,900	83,800	-500	-400
Business & Repair Services	403,300	404,600	383,200	-1,300	20,100
Amusement, Including Motion Pictures	52,900	53,300	47,300	-400	5,600
Health Services	393,800	391,100	375,000	2,700	18,800
Educational Services	77,500	79,100	71,300	-1,600	6,200
Other Services & Miscellaneous	358,400	356,900	349,000	1,500	9,400
Total Government	1,161,100	1,170,500	1,143,000	-9,400	18,100
Total Federal Government	193,500	194,700	193,300	-1,200	200
Total State Government	234,000	239,800	230,900	-5,800	3,100
Total Local Government	733,600	736,000	718,200	-2,400	14,800

1/ Estimated number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas without reference to place of residence of workers. ±Estimates of TEC in cooperation with Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

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CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

	Jan. '88*	Dec. '87**	Jan. '87**	Jan. '88*	Dec. '87**	Jan. '87**	Jan. '88*	Dec. '87**	Jan. '87**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	53,700	54,200	54,500	99,900	101,400	97,900	423,800	431,100	425,500
Total Unemployment	4,000	3,400	5,600	6,700	5,100	7,000	29,600	23,700	29,300
Percent Unemployed	7.4	6.3	10.3	6.7	5.0	7.2	7.0	5.5	6.9
Total Employment 2/	49,700	50,800	48,900	93,200	96,300	90,900	394,200	407,400	396,200
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	157,900	160,000	162,000	80,300	81,500	78,900	97,400	96,100	93,900
Total Unemployment	19,000	15,600	23,100	7,700	6,200	9,200	16,500	12,200	15,700
Percent Unemployed	12.0	9.8	14.3	9.6	7.6	11.7	16.9	12.7	16.7
Total Employment 2/	138,900	144,400	138,900	72,600	75,300	69,700	80,900	83,900	78,200
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	54,400	58,000	54,900	159,100	159,000	161,600	1,438.9	1,460.4	1,418.0
Total Unemployment	2,900	2,400	3,800	17,700	14,600	22,100	92.3	74.8	94.5
Percent Unemployed	5.3	4.1	6.9	11.1	9.2	13.7	6.4	5.1	6.7
Total Employment 2/	51,500	55,600	51,100	141,400	144,400	139,500	1,346.6	1,385.6	1,323.5
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
Total Civilian Labor Force	233,100	234,400	227,300	668,800	679,000	661,600	106,300	107,400	108,000
Total Unemployment	26,400	22,000	26,300	46,900	37,800	51,100	11,700	9,400	12,400
Percent Unemployed	11.3	9.4	11.6	7.0	5.6	7.7	11.0	8.8	11.5
Total Employment 2/	206,700	212,400	201,000	621,900	641,200	610,500	94,600	98,000	95,600
	HOUSTON 3/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	1,579.5	1,607.3	1,587.0	93,000	93,600	90,200	45,300	46,100	45,500
Total Unemployment	127.1	107.9	173.9	7,600	6,200	7,600	6,400	6,300	8,600
Percent Unemployed	8.0	6.7	11.0	8.2	6.6	8.4	14.1	13.7	18.9
Total Employment 2/	1,452.4	1,499.4	1,413.1	85,400	87,400	82,600	38,900	39,800	36,900
	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
Total Civilian Labor Force	78,500	79,100	79,400	110,900	114,300	109,600	154,600	152,000	150,000
Total Unemployment	8,100	6,700	10,100	6,700	5,800	7,500	30,300	25,000	32,100
Percent Unemployed	10.3	8.5	12.7	6.0	5.1	6.8	19.6	16.4	21.4
Total Employment 2/	70,400	72,400	69,300	104,200	108,500	102,100	124,300	127,000	117,900
	MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	49,000	50,400	50,400	53,400	54,100	55,700	44,400	46,000	44,500
Total Unemployment	3,700	3,100	5,800	4,600	3,700	9,100	2,800	2,400	3,300
Percent Unemployed	7.6	6.2	11.5	8.6	6.8	16.3	6.3	5.2	7.4
Total Employment 2/	45,300	47,300	44,600	48,800	50,400	46,600	41,600	43,600	41,200
	SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	609,400	614,000	595,400	49,200	50,000	48,300	58,000	59,000	57,400
Total Unemployment	50,800	41,400	51,400	3,800	3,300	4,300	4,900	4,300	5,400
Percent Unemployed	8.3	6.7	8.6	7.7	6.6	8.9	8.4	7.3	9.4
Total Employment 2/	558,600	572,600	544,000	45,400	46,700	44,000	53,100	54,700	52,000
	TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	75,700	77,100	76,500	36,600	37,000	37,000	92,700	94,300	90,600
Total Unemployment	6,300	5,300	7,500	3,000	2,500	4,100	8,300	6,800	7,900
Percent Unemployed	8.3	6.9	9.8	8.2	6.8	11.1	9.0	7.2	8.7
Total Employment 2/	69,400	71,800	69,000	33,600	34,500	32,900	84,400	87,500	82,700
	WICHITA FALLS						STATE OF TEXAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	56,900	57,400	56,600				8,161.7	8,269.2	8,127.3
Total Unemployment	4,300	3,600	5,300				682.5	561.4	798.8
Percent Unemployed	7.6	6.3	9.4				8.4	6.8	9.8
Total Employment 2/	52,600	53,800	51,300				7,479.2	7,707.8	7,328.5

1/ All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted).
2/ Includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes.
3/ In Thousands.
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HOURS AND EARNINGS IN TEXAS*

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Jan.± 1988	Dec. 1987	Jan. 1987	Jan.± 1988	Dec. 1987	Jan. 1987	Jan.± 1988	Dec. 1987	Jan. 1987
FOR TEXAS									
MANUFACTURING TOTAL	$ 413.92	$ 427.57	$ 405.31	41.6	42.8	41.4	$ 9.95	$ 9.99	$ 9.79
Durable Goods	409.91	427.55	392.64	41.7	43.1	41.2	9.83	9.92	9.53
Lumber & Wood Products	282.50	298.27	280.80	39.4	41.6	40.0	7.17	7.17	7.02
Furniture & Fixtures	239.02	254.63	258.73	37.7	39.6	40.3	6.34	6.43	6.42
Stone, Clay & Glass Prods.	388.41	400.76	383.18	41.9	43.0	42.2	9.27	9.32	9.08
Primary Metal Industries	444.16	447.10	422.69	42.1	42.1	40.8	10.55	10.62	10.36
Fabricated Metal Products	386.96	400.37	368.18	42.9	43.9	41.0	9.02	9.12	8.98
Machinery, exc. Electric	430.84	445.66	408.46	43.3	44.3	41.3	9.95	10.06	9.89
Oil Field Machinery	490.68	553.80	450.45	43.5	47.7	39.0	11.28	11.61	11.55
Electric & Electronic Equip.	420.29	452.15	428.08	39.8	42.1	42.3	10.56	10.74	10.12
Transportation Equipment	559.36	587.02	510.80	43.7	45.4	41.8	12.80	12.93	12.22
Instruments & Related Prod.	362.56	366.24	340.63	41.2	42.0	39.7	8.80	8.72	8.58
Misc. Manufacturing Inds.	287.15	292.33	251.08	38.7	40.1	37.7	7.42	7.29	6.66
Nondurable Goods	416.72	427.39	419.15	41.3	42.4	41.5	10.09	10.08	10.10
Food & Kindred Products	348.57	366.42	353.56	42.2	44.2	41.4	8.26	8.29	8.54
Meat Products	259.75	277.25	288.05	41.1	43.8	40.8	6.32	6.33	7.06
Malt Beverages	789.76	837.87	862.65	43.9	46.6	48.6	17.99	17.98	17.75
Textile Mill Products	341.11	347.00	319.31	46.6	47.6	45.1	7.32	7.29	7.08
Apparel & Other Text. Prods.	197.06	198.74	196.13	35.7	36.6	37.5	5.52	5.43	5.23
Paper & Allied Products	472.75	487.53	461.72	44.1	45.1	43.6	10.72	10.81	10.59
Printing & Publishing	376.74	383.57	384.94	38.6	39.1	39.4	9.76	9.81	9.77
Chemicals & Allied Products	676.70	682.87	651.89	44.2	44.4	43.2	15.31	15.38	15.09
Petroleum & Coal Products	673.96	681.78	683.11	42.9	44.3	44.3	15.71	15.39	15.42
Petroleum Refining	701.57	705.07	709.78	43.2	44.4	44.5	16.24	15.88	15.95
Leather & Leather Products	220.17	229.37	225.52	37.7	40.1	37.4	5.84	5.72	6.03
Other Nondurable Goods	388.42	403.59	391.70	44.8	45.5	45.6	8.67	8.87	8.59
NONMANUFACTURING									
Mining	480.00	511.34	510.56	40.1	42.4	42.3	11.97	12.06	12.07
Met/Coal/Nonmet Mnrls. exc. Fuel	556.89	563.47	536.98	46.1	46.8	45.7	12.08	12.04	11.75
Oil & Gas Extraction	474.81	507.73	509.41	39.7	42.1	42.1	11.96	12.06	12.10
Commun., exc. U. S. Postal Service	490.64	492.82	480.32	39.6	39.3	39.5	12.39	12.54	12.16
Elec., Gas & San. Services	476.10	458.60	433.48	41.4	39.5	40.1	11.50	11.61	10.81
Wholesale & Retail Trade	223.10	227.12	223.80	31.6	32.4	31.7	7.06	7.01	7.06
Wholesale Trade	391.39	387.87	376.71	39.1	39.1	39.2	10.01	9.92	9.61
Retail Trade	172.28	179.06	176.40	29.4	30.4	29.4	5.86	5.89	6.00
General Merchandise Stores	157.91	182.59	172.79	26.1	28.8	26.3	6.05	6.34	6.57
Banking	269.31	249.19	266.29	38.2	34.9	37.4	7.05	7.14	7.12

HOURS AND EARNINGS
FOR SELECTED
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

DALLAS									
Manufacturing	$ 399.90	$ 420.04	$ 400.44	41.1	42.3	41.8	$ 9.73	$ 9.93	$ 9.58
Durable Goods	422.10	454.90	424.45	41.1	43.2	41.9	10.27	10.53	10.13
Nondurable Goods	364.15	361.82	363.21	41.1	40.7	41.7	8.86	8.89	8.71
FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON									
Manufacturing	424.35	440.54	391.82	41.0	42.4	40.9	10.35	10.39	9.58
Durable Goods	446.45	465.04	409.36	41.3	42.9	41.1	10.81	10.84	9.96
Nondurable Goods	368.34	374.33	344.97	40.3	41.0	40.3	9.14	9.13	8.56
HOUSTON									
Manufacturing	485.51	508.19	490.56	43.7	44.5	43.8	11.11	11.42	11.20
Durable Goods	415.94	437.85	413.86	43.6	45.0	43.2	9.54	9.73	9.58
Nondurable Goods	562.86	585.19	573.65	43.7	43.9	44.4	12.88	13.33	12.92
SAN ANTONIO									
Manufacturing	295.21	304.36	322.32	39.1	40.1	40.8	7.55	7.59	7.90
Durable Goods	315.97	324.01	364.99	39.3	40.2	40.6	8.04	8.06	8.99
Nondurable Goods	274.63	285.60	278.94	38.9	40.0	40.9	7.06	7.14	6.82

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*Figures for Texas and selected areas cover Production Workers in Manufacturing and Mining Industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings' averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift work. ±Preliminary -- subject to revision upon receipt of additional reports.

SOURCE: Texas Employment Commission in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

insurance and real estate, as other sectors managed only minor offsetting increases, leaving this sector down by 700 jobs.

Additional staffing in hospitals and physicians' offices to deal with the allergy and flu season pushed employment in health services up by 2,700 -- the major upturn within services. A sizeable decrease in educational services due to the semester break at private educational institutions and a similar-sized drop in business and repair services, however, left services as a whole down 600 in January.

For the second consecutive month, employment in manufacturing declined in January, losing 2,600 jobs. Most of the decreases occurred in the nondurable goods sector, as durable goods dropped by only 500 over the month. The two durable goods sectors which recorded the largest declines were related to construction -- stone, clay and glass products lost 600 jobs, and lumber and wood products declined by 300.

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A large seasonal layoff by a manufacturer of fertilizer was the main cause of the downturn of 2,100 in nondurable goods. Smaller declines were registered in food and kindred products, in printing and publishing, and in leather and leather products. Minor increases in apparel and other finished textile products and in paper and allied products had little effect on the larger decreases, leaving nondurable goods down 2,100 between December and January.

HOURS AND EARNINGS DECLINE

The number of manufacturing production workers in Texas dropped by 4,600 between December and January, to 608,400; however, the mid-January number constituted an increase of 17,000 from the previous year's total. The average production worker in January was working a 41.6-hour week at $9.95 per hour for an average weekly income of $413.92. The number of hours worked per week and the average hourly earnings both decreased by 1.2 hours and $.04, respectively, resulting in a decline of average weekly earnings of $13.65. Compared to a year earlier, hours and earnings reflect more favorably: average weekly hours increased by 0.2 hour and average hourly earnings were up by $.16, causing a rise in average weekly earnings of $8.61 from January 1987 to January 1988.

TEC ACTIVITIES

	Jan. 1988	Jan. 1987
Total Population	16,916,000	16,760,000*
% UI Covered Unemployment	1.9	2.8
UI Covered Employers	311,710	314,010
Total Claims Actions	613,970	950,328
Total Initial Claims Actions	73,616	102,377
Total Cont'd. Claims Actions	540,354	847,951
Avg. Weekly Benefit Amount	$152.74	$156.41
Total Amount Paid (Net)**	$67,575,795	$114,950,561
Total Placements	22,972	23,467

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CERTAIN TEXAS AREA ESTIMATES DECERTIFIED

Due to budget cuts mandated by the United States Congress, the nonagricultural wage and salary employment series for the Odessa, Tyler and Victoria Metropolitan Statistical Areas will no longer be certified as official estimates of the Texas Employment Commission-U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics Cooperative Program. These data will, therefore, no longer appear in such BLS publications as the monthly *Employment and Earnings* publication and the annual update of the *Employment, Hours and Earnings, States and Areas* publication.

For the time being, estimates for these areas will continue to be prepared under the auspices of the Texas Employment Commission and will be published in the *Texas Labor Market Review*. Civilian labor force estimates for all Texas areas will continue to be certified and will appear in appropriate BLS publications.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES
(In Thousands)

	Feb. 1988	Jan. 1988	Feb. 1987
United States (Actual)			
Labor Force	119,942.0	119,742.0	117,967.0
Unemployment	7,482.0	7,603.0	8,503.0
Percent Unemployed	6.2	6.3	7.2
Total Employment	112,460.0	112,139.0	109,464.0
United States (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	121,347.0	121,175.0	119,230.0
Unemployment	6,938.0	7,046.0	7,886.0
Percent Unemployed	5.7	5.8	6.6
Total Employment	114,409.0	114,129.0	111,344.0
State of Texas (Actual)			
Labor Force	8,210.2	8,161.7	8,136.2
Unemployment	717.7	682.5	750.3
Percent Unemployed	8.7	8.4	9.2
Total Employment	7,492.5	7,479.2	7,385.9
State of Texas (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	8,306.0	8,255.0	8,231.0
Unemployment	696.0	660.0	728.0
Percent Unemployed	8.4	8.0	8.8
Total Employment	7,610.0	7,595.0	7,503.0

It is hoped that through careful management of available resources, it will be possible to continue to generate and release data for all Texas areas. Additional potential budgetary reductions, however, may require a further review of resources available for the production of various types of labor market information for Texas labor areas.

TEXAS UNEMPLOYMENT RATE RISES MODERATELY IN FEBRUARY

The Statewide actual rate climbed slightly over the month, from 8.4 percent in January to 8.7 percent in February, as 35,200 Texans were added to the ranks of the jobless, bringing total unemployment to 717,700 in mid-February. Most of the increase in unemployment over the month was due to seasonal factors, primarily the entrance into the labor force of mid-year graduates. Further layoffs of people hired for the Christmas season also added to the increase, and bad weather in many parts of the State curtailed outdoor activities such as construction and agricultural work. Although the actual unemployment rate rose in February, it was

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	Feb.'88*	Jan.'88**	Feb.'87**	Feb.'88*	Jan.'88**	Feb.'87**	Feb.'88*	Jan.'88**	Feb.'87**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
TOTAL	49,000	49,100	49,000	77,600	77,900	76,900	351,200	349,900	355,500
Manufacturing	4,600	4,600	4,500	9,900	9,800	9,700	39,200	39,300	39,600
Mining	2,000	2,000	2,200	1,300	1,300	1,400	800	800	800
Construction	2,000	2,000	2,400	3,500	3,600	3,500	15,600	16,000	17,800
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,400	2,400	2,600	5,800	5,700	5,700	10,800	10,700	11,000
Trade	13,400	13,600	13,400	22,300	22,600	22,100	77,600	78,100	77,900
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,700	2,700	2,600	4,500	4,500	4,600	24,700	24,700	25,200
Services & Misc.	13,200	13,100	13,000	16,000	16,000	15,900	83,500	83,100	84,100
Government	8,700	8,700	8,300	14,300	14,400	14,000	99,000	97,200	99,100
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
TOTAL	126,200	127,200	129,500	57,300	57,300	56,400	66,200	66,200	64,600
Manufacturing	23,800	25,100	24,500	15,500	15,600	15,400	10,100	10,200	9,600
Mining	1,400	1,400	1,600	1,900	1,900	1,800	--	--	--
Construction	7,400	7,400	9,200	5,600	5,700	5,500	2,100	2,100	2,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	9,600	9,600	10,100	2,300	2,300	2,400	3,100	3,000	2,800
Trade	31,000	31,000	31,100	11,000	11,000	10,800	17,000	17,300	17,200
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,200	5,300	5,100	2,000	2,000	2,000	3,500	3,500	3,400
Services & Misc.	27,400	27,300	27,700	7,900	7,900	7,400	13,900	13,900	12,900
Government	20,400	20,100	20,200	11,100	10,900	11,100	16,500	16,200	16,300
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS 2/		
TOTAL	48,000	44,800	47,100	124,600	124,200	123,200	1,325.5	1,325.1	1,319.0
Manufacturing	3,200	3,100	3,000	11,400	11,200	11,700	222.1	221.7	219.8
Mining	600	700	600	3,800	3,800	4,600	18.1	18.1	19.4
Construction	2,000	2,000	1,900	5,900	5,900	7,000	54.6	54.3	65.5
Trans., Comm., & Util.	1,600	1,600	1,600	6,800	6,900	6,900	90.0	89.5	88.1
Trade	9,400	9,100	10,100	32,100	32,100	31,200	345.2	346.3	345.0
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,700	1,700	1,800	7,000	7,000	6,700	128.9	130.4	132.6
Services & Misc.	8,500	8,200	7,800	29,400	29,300	27,700	316.5	314.5	299.5
Government	21,000	18,400	20,300	28,200	28,000	27,400	150.1	150.3	149.1
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
TOTAL	188,000	187,300	183,700	512,500	513,000	507,900	70,700	69,500	70,800
Manufacturing	37,900	37,700	35,500	116,900	116,500	112,500	8,800	8,400	8,700
Mining	--	--	--	3,500	3,500	3,600	600	500	500
Construction	9,500	9,400	9,800	20,400	20,300	25,800	3,400	3,300	4,800
Trans., Comm., & Util.	10,300	10,300	10,100	30,600	30,500	28,300	4,800	4,800	5,700
Trade	46,500	46,700	45,300	134,400	135,400	134,300	14,100	13,900	13,500
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	9,500	9,400	9,400	27,200	27,400	27,700	4,100	4,100	4,200
Services & Misc.	35,000	34,700	33,700	111,600	111,700	109,600	14,000	13,700	12,500
Government	39,300	39,100	39,900	67,900	67,700	66,100	20,900	20,800	20,900

still moderately below the February 1987 rate of 9.2 percent. Employment recorded a minimal increase in February, to total 7,492,500 at mid-month. The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for the State also increased over the month, from 8.0 percent in January to 8.4 percent in February. The National rates in both series slid downward by 0.1 percentage point -- the actual from 6.3 percent to 6.2 percent and the seasonally adjusted from 5.8 percent to 5.7 percent in February.

NONFARM SALARIED JOBS RISE SEASONALLY

The count of nonagricultural wage and salary jobs in Texas rose by 26,100 over the month, totaling 6,519,200 in mid-February. Almost all of the increase was produced by seasonal influences, however, and was concentrated in the educational sectors of services and government. Government rose by 16,600 in February, as state and local schools and universities hired workers for the spring semester. A small downturn in federal government did little to diminish this growth, which was the largest within any major industry sector.

Similar staffing for private schools and colleges totaling 3,600 helped boost employment in services by 13,300 in February. An estimated 2,800 additional jobs were created in health services to assist during the flu and allergy season; and the approach of outdoor activities sponsored by civic and social groups generated 2,500 jobs. Other service sectors recorded smaller advances in February.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	Feb. '88*	Jan. '88**	Feb. '87**	Feb. '88*	Jan. '88**	Feb. '87**	Feb. '88*	Jan. '88**	Feb. 87**
	HOUSTON 2/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO		
TOTAL	1,385.6	1,383.9	1,363.7	69,900	69,500	68,700	36,100	36,100	34,600
Manufacturing	149.1	148.6	142.5	8,000	7,900	8,300	1,700	1,700	1,700
Mining	62.9	62.9	62.6	100	100	100	2,000	2,100	1,700
Construction	79.7	79.0	85.7	3,400	3,400	3,700	1,300	1,300	1,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	97.3	97.5	97.2	2,700	2,700	2,600	4,700	4,600	4,200
Trade	349.7	351.8	345.7	15,900	16,100	15,900	10,300	10,300	10,000
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	97.0	97.2	101.5	3,100	2,900	3,000	1,700	1,600	1,600
Services & Misc.	360.7	358.6	341.0	15,300	15,000	14,600	6,000	6,000	5,700
Government	189.2	188.3	187.5	21,400	21,400	20,500	8,400	8,500	8,300
	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
TOTAL	65,000	64,600	63,500	91,500	90,800	90,300	90,700	91,100	89,000
Manufacturing	15,600	15,700	14,700	7,300	7,300	7,200	11,900	12,600	12,400
Mining	3,500	3,500	3,500	400	400	400	900	900	800
Construction	3,100	3,000	2,800	3,100	3,100	3,400	3,800	3,900	4,100
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,100	3,100	3,100	5,000	5,000	4,900	2,700	2,700	2,900
Trade	16,800	16,600	16,300	27,100	27,000	26,200	26,900	26,900	27,000
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,700	2,700	3,400	5,300	5,200	5,300	3,800	3,800	3,800
Services & Misc.	11,700	11,500	11,300	21,600	21,500	21,100	14,900	14,900	13,800
Government	8,500	8,500	8,400	21,700	21,300	21,800	25,800	25,400	24,200
	MIDLAND			ODESSA 3/			SAN ANGELO		
TOTAL	43,700	43,800	43,100	43,300	43,500	41,200	36,600	36,500	36,400
Manufacturing	2,800	2,800	2,900	3,800	3,800	3,500	5,500	5,500	5,500
Mining	9,800	10,000	9,400	6,200	6,300	5,700	400	400	500
Construction	1,100	1,200	1,200	1,900	1,900	1,900	1,500	1,500	1,700
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,200	2,100	2,100	2,200	2,100	2,000	3,200	3,200	3,200
Trade	10,100	10,300	9,900	12,500	12,700	12,100	9,600	9,500	9,600
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,500	2,500	2,700	1,700	1,700	1,700	1,800	1,800	1,800
Services & Misc.	8,600	8,600	8,600	7,200	7,400	6,700	7,800	7,800	7,400
Government	6,600	6,300	6,300	7,800	7,600	7,600	6,800	6,800	6,700
	SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
TOTAL	501,800	500,400	498,700	38,000	37,700	36,900	45,300	45,400	45,000
Manufacturing	46,100	46,400	46,400	11,200	11,000	10,900	7,300	7,300	7,300
Mining	2,600	2,600	2,600	100	100	100	100	100	100
Construction	28,300	28,800	29,700	1,600	1,500	1,600	2,100	2,000	1,800
Trans., Comm., & Util.	17,900	17,900	18,400	2,000	2,000	2,100	1,700	1,700	1,900
Trade	130,500	130,700	127,300	8,200	8,300	8,100	10,600	10,600	10,600
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	39,900	39,800	39,400	1,800	1,800	1,600	1,900	1,900	1,800
Services & Misc.	120,800	119,000	119,600	8,800	8,700	7,300	9,300	9,400	8,900
Government	115,700	115,200	115,300	4,300	4,300	5,200	12,300	12,400	12,600
	TYLER 3/			VICTORIA 3/			WACO		
TOTAL	60,800	60,700	60,300	27,700	27,500	26,700	78,000	77,400	77,100
Manufacturing	10,500	10,500	10,700	3,000	3,000	2,800	15,000	14,800	14,600
Mining	1,900	1,800	1,900	1,500	1,500	1,600	100	100	100
Construction	2,200	2,200	2,400	1,700	1,700	1,700	3,400	3,400	3,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,800	2,800	2,600	1,500	1,500	1,500	3,300	3,300	3,300
Trade	16,300	16,500	16,300	7,900	7,900	7,700	19,000	18,900	18,900
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,700	3,700	3,700	1,600	1,500	1,500	4,600	4,700	4,700
Services & Misc.	14,200	14,200	13,600	5,900	5,800	5,500	20,100	19,900	19,700
Government	9,200	9,000	9,100	4,600	4,600	4,400	12,500	12,300	12,400
	WICHITA FALLS								
TOTAL	50,100	50,000	49,200						
Manufacturing	8,100	8,200	8,300						
Mining	1,900	1,900	1,800						
Construction	1,700	1,700	1,500						
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,600	2,600	2,600						
Trade	12,200	12,200	11,800						
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,300	2,300	2,300						
Services & Misc.	11,600	11,500	11,400						
Government	9,700	9,600	9,500						

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1/ Estimates prepared by TEC in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

2/ In Thousands.

3/ Estimates prepared under the auspices of the Texas Employment Commission.

TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY ESTIMATES 1/

Industry	Feb. 1988*	Jan. 1988**	Feb. 1987**	Change From Jan. 1988	Change From Feb. 1987
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT±	6,519,200	6,493,100	6,442,000	26,100	77,200
Manufacturing	938,700	938,500	915,000	200	23,700
Durable Goods	540,000	537,900	520,400	2,100	19,600
Lumber & Wood Products	33,100	33,200	34,000	-100	-900
Logging Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills	6,600	6,500	6,700	100	-100
Furniture & Fixtures	17,000	17,200	16,200	-200	800
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	42,700	43,000	43,500	-300	-800
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Products	18,600	18,600	19,600	0	-1,000
Primary Metal Industries	28,100	27,900	26,400	200	1,700
Fabricated Metal Industries	73,700	73,300	70,600	400	3,100
Fabricated Structural Metal Products	35,400	35,300	35,000	100	400
Machinery, Except Electrical	101,500	100,700	96,800	800	4,700
Oil Field Machinery	22,300	22,100	20,600	200	1,700
Electric & Electronic Equipment	116,700	116,400	114,400	300	2,300
Transportation Equipment	92,400	91,800	84,600	600	7,800
Aircraft & Parts	53,000	53,000	50,300	0	2,700
Instruments & Related Products	21,700	21,500	21,100	200	600
Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries	13,100	12,900	12,800	200	300
Nondurable Goods	398,700	400,600	394,600	-1,900	4,100
Food & Kindred Products	95,700	97,200	96,000	-1,500	-300
Meat Products	28,800	28,700	27,600	100	1,200
Dairy Products	4,600	4,600	4,600	0	0
Bakery Products	10,100	10,100	10,200	0	-100
Malt Beverages	3,000	3,100	3,100	-100	-100
Textile Mill Products	4,000	4,000	3,900	0	100
Apparel & Other Finished Textile Products	54,500	54,500	51,300	0	3,200
Paper & Allied Products	25,200	25,000	23,400	200	1,800
Printing & Publishing	73,300	73,000	73,900	300	-600
Newspaper, Periodicals, Books & Misc. Publ.	36,300	36,100	37,300	200	-1,000
Chemicals & Allied Products	73,100	72,800	73,800	300	-700
Petroleum & Coal Products	31,200	32,600	33,300	-1,400	-2,100
Petroleum Refining	27,900	29,300	30,000	-1,400	-2,100
Leather & Leather Products	7,900	7,700	6,800	200	1,100
Other Nondurable Goods	33,800	33,800	32,200	0	1,600
Total Nonmanufacturing	5,580,500	5,554,600	5,527,000	25,900	53,500
Mining	181,600	182,600	179,800	-1,000	1,800
Metal & Coal & Nonmet. Mnrls., Exc. Fuel	9,800	9,900	10,100	-100	-300
Oil & Gas Extraction	171,800	172,700	169,700	-900	2,100
Construction	318,500	318,000	348,600	500	-30,100
Transportation & Public Utilities	384,100	385,200	377,900	-1,100	6,200
Railroad Transportation	20,800	20,800	21,300	0	-500
Transportation, Except Railroads	203,400	204,400	194,300	-1,000	9,100
Transportation by Air	59,200	59,300	53,100	-100	6,100
Communication, Exc. U. S. Postal Service	84,400	84,100	85,600	300	-1,200
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	75,500	75,900	76,700	-400	-1,200
Electric Services	41,100	41,500	42,600	-400	-1,500
Gas Production & Distribution	27,100	27,100	26,900	0	200
Wholesale & Retail Trade	1,627,000	1,628,900	1,621,800	-1,900	5,200
Wholesale Trade	407,500	407,400	407,800	100	-300
Retail Trade	1,219,500	1,221,500	1,214,000	-2,000	5,500
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	44,100	44,000	44,200	100	-100
General Merchandise Stores	166,500	168,300	156,300	-1,800	10,200
Food Stores	226,100	224,500	225,100	1,600	1,000
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	131,700	131,800	133,300	-100	-1,600
Apparel & Accessory Stores	77,800	79,300	83,200	-1,500	-5,400
Eating & Drinking Places	388,900	388,500	387,100	400	1,800
Other Retail Trade	184,400	185,100	184,800	-700	-400
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	437,900	438,400	443,000	-500	-5,100
Banking	97,700	98,200	99,500	-500	-1,800
Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers	137,600	137,300	137,900	300	-300
Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	202,600	202,900	205,600	-300	-3,000
Services	1,457,100	1,443,800	1,401,800	13,300	55,300
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	81,900	80,300	82,200	1,600	-300
Personal Services	83,900	83,600	83,100	300	800
Business & Repair Services	403,200	403,700	384,500	-500	18,700
Amusement, Including Motion Pictures	52,800	52,600	47,900	200	4,900
Health Services	394,600	391,800	377,400	2,800	17,200
Educational Services	78,200	74,600	75,400	3,600	2,800
Other Services & Miscellaneous	362,500	357,200	351,300	5,300	11,200
Total Government	1,174,300	1,157,700	1,154,100	16,600	20,200
Total Federal Government	192,900	193,400	192,200	-500	700
Total State Government	243,500	234,600	234,500	8,900	9,000
Total Local Government	737,900	729,700	727,400	8,200	10,500

1/ Estimated number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas without reference to place of residence of workers. ±Estimates of TEC in cooperation with Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

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CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

	Feb.'88*	Jan.'88**	Feb.'87**	Feb.'88*	Jan.'88**	Feb.'87**	Feb.'88*	Jan.'88**	Feb.'87**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	53,900	53,500	54,400	99,500	99,200	98,200	427,500	424,700	426,500
Total Unemployment	4,300	4,000	5,100	7,000	6,600	6,800	30,500	29,400	28,000
Percent Unemployed	8.0	7.5	9.4	7.0	6.7	6.9	7.1	6.9	6.6
Total Employment 2/	49,600	49,500	49,300	92,500	92,600	91,400	397,000	395,300	398,500
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	159,800	158,100	163,200	81,000	80,300	79,400	97,400	97,100	93,800
Total Unemployment	20,500	19,100	21,600	8,000	7,700	8,400	16,100	16,300	14,800
Percent Unemployed	12.8	12.1	13.2	9.9	9.6	10.6	16.5	16.8	15.8
Total Employment 2/	139,300	139,000	141,600	73,000	72,600	71,000	81,300	80,800	79,000
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	56,800	53,600	56,600	161,200	159,400	161,100	1,444.5	1,439.5	1,422.1
Total Unemployment	3,100	2,900	3,500	18,800	17,600	21,200	96.7	91.6	89.1
Percent Unemployed	5.5	5.4	6.2	11.7	11.0	13.2	6.7	6.4	6.3
Total Employment 2/	53,700	50,700	53,100	142,400	141,800	139,900	1,347.8	1,347.9	1,333.0
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
Total Civilian Labor Force	237,600	234,700	227,500	674,000	670,900	663,100	107,800	107,000	108,100
Total Unemployment	29,400	27,200	25,700	49,600	46,700	48,400	11,400	11,800	11,800
Percent Unemployed	12.4	11.6	11.3	7.4	7.0	7.3	10.6	11.0	10.9
Total Employment 2/	208,200	207,500	201,800	624,400	624,200	614,700	96,400	95,200	96,300
	HOUSTON 3/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	1,582.1	1,574.4	1,585.0	93,500	92,500	90,800	46,900	46,500	45,700
Total Unemployment	131.9	126.7	160.0	8,100	7,500	7,300	8,200	7,900	8,400
Percent Unemployed	8.3	8.0	10.1	8.7	8.1	8.0	17.5	17.0	18.4
Total Employment 2/	1,450.2	1,447.7	1,425.0	85,400	85,000	83,500	38,700	38,600	37,300
	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
Total Civilian Labor Force	78,100	78,200	78,700	112,400	111,300	110,700	152,700	152,700	148,600
Total Unemployment	8,600	8,100	9,300	7,200	6,700	7,200	30,900	30,200	30,000
Percent Unemployed	11.0	10.4	11.8	6.4	6.0	6.5	20.2	19.8	20.2
Total Employment 2/	69,500	70,100	69,400	105,200	104,600	103,500	121,800	122,500	118,600
	MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	49,400	48,700	50,100	53,700	53,400	55,400	45,000	44,600	45,200
Total Unemployment	3,900	3,700	5,400	4,900	4,600	8,400	2,900	2,700	3,100
Percent Unemployed	7.9	7.6	10.8	9.1	8.6	15.2	6.4	6.1	6.9
Total Employment 2/	45,500	45,000	44,700	48,800	48,800	47,000	42,100	41,900	42,100
	SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	613,000	607,900	599,400	49,900	49,400	48,100	58,500	58,100	57,300
Total Unemployment	54,800	50,400	48,500	4,000	3,800	4,000	5,300	4,900	5,300
Percent Unemployed	8.9	8.3	8.1	8.0	7.7	8.3	9.1	8.4	9.2
Total Employment 2/	558,200	557,500	550,900	45,900	45,600	44,100	53,200	53,200	52,000
	TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	76,500	75,400	77,700	36,500	36,500	36,800	93,300	92,500	91,300
Total Unemployment	6,700	6,300	8,100	3,100	3,000	3,900	8,100	8,200	7,200
Percent Unemployed	8.8	8.4	10.4	8.5	8.2	10.6	8.7	8.9	7.9
Total Employment 2/	69,800	69,100	69,600	33,400	33,500	32,900	85,200	84,300	84,100
	WICHITA FALLS						STATE OF TEXAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	57,600	57,200	56,700				8,210.2	8,161.7	8,136.2
Total Unemployment	4,800	4,400	5,000				717.7	682.5	750.3
Percent Unemployed	8.3	7.7	8.8				8.7	8.4	9.2
Total Employment 2/	52,800	52,800	51,700				7,492.5	7,479.2	7,385.9

1/ All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted).
2/ Includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes.
3/ In Thousands.
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HOURS AND EARNINGS IN TEXAS*

	Average Weekly Earnings Feb.± 1988	Average Weekly Earnings Jan. 1988	Average Weekly Earnings Feb. 1987	Average Weekly Hours Feb.± 1988	Average Weekly Hours Jan. 1988	Average Weekly Hours Feb. 1987	Average Hourly Earnings Feb.± 1988	Average Hourly Earnings Jan. 1988	Average Hourly Earnings Feb. 1987
FOR TEXAS									
MANUFACTURING TOTAL	$ 407.47	$ 415.33	$ 400.31	41.2	41.7	41.1	$ 9.89	$ 9.96	$ 9.74
Durable Goods	404.89	411.31	394.54	41.4	41.8	41.4	9.78	9.84	9.53
Lumber & Wood Products	279.09	284.65	280.19	39.7	39.7	39.8	7.03	7.17	7.04
Furniture & Fixtures	239.78	232.84	254.06	38.0	36.9	40.2	6.31	6.31	6.32
Stone, Clay & Glass Prods.	377.94	385.14	389.62	41.9	42.0	43.1	9.02	9.17	9.04
Primary Metal Industries	446.42	451.96	426.63	41.8	42.2	41.3	10.68	10.71	10.33
Fabricated Metal Products	375.53	388.67	367.85	42.1	42.9	41.1	8.92	9.06	8.95
Machinery, exc. Electric	417.78	430.09	411.10	42.5	43.4	41.4	9.83	9.91	9.93
Oil Field Machinery	489.29	506.70	471.98	44.2	45.0	40.1	11.07	11.26	11.77
Electric & Electronic Equip.	433.76	419.63	431.53	40.5	39.7	42.1	10.71	10.57	10.25
Transportation Equipment	546.98	562.36	512.78	42.9	43.9	42.1	12.75	12.81	12.18
Instruments & Related Prod.	350.00	367.74	344.34	40.0	41.6	39.9	8.75	8.84	8.63
Misc. Manufacturing Inds.	267.17	282.70	255.65	36.8	38.1	38.1	7.26	7.42	6.71
Nondurable Goods	409.82	420.58	406.59	40.9	41.6	40.7	10.02	10.11	9.99
Food & Kindred Products	337.00	354.90	332.77	40.7	42.3	39.9	8.28	8.39	8.34
Meat Products	247.95	262.67	247.23	39.8	41.3	36.9	6.23	6.36	6.70
Malt Beverages	786.32	797.90	768.96	44.4	44.7	44.5	17.71	17.85	17.28
Textile Mill Products	334.42	341.11	306.16	46.0	46.6	42.7	7.27	7.32	7.17
Apparel & Other Text. Prods.	198.38	200.01	192.31	36.4	36.3	36.7	5.45	5.51	5.24
Paper & Allied Products	481.34	475.40	458.15	44.2	44.1	43.1	10.89	10.78	10.63
Printing & Publishing	386.61	374.19	382.93	38.7	38.3	39.6	9.99	9.77	9.67
Chemicals & Allied Products	650.80	678.18	637.51	43.3	44.5	42.7	15.03	15.24	14.93
Petroleum & Coal Products	654.84	678.04	657.47	42.8	44.0	43.0	15.30	15.41	15.29
Petroleum Refining	678.81	704.81	683.57	42.8	44.3	43.1	15.86	15.91	15.86
Leather & Leather Products	211.87	217.93	217.04	37.7	37.9	37.1	5.62	5.75	5.85
Other Nondurable Goods	388.06	396.86	385.28	44.4	45.2	44.8	8.74	8.78	8.60
NONMANUFACTURING									
Mining	494.10	487.62	481.03	40.6	40.5	40.8	12.17	12.04	11.79
Met/Coal/Nonmet Mnrls. exc. Fuel	541.12	550.69	521.43	44.5	45.7	45.5	12.16	12.05	11.46
Oil & Gas Extraction	490.45	482.80	477.53	40.3	40.1	40.4	12.17	12.04	11.82
Commun., exc. U. S. Postal Service	489.35	491.09	477.50	39.4	39.7	39.3	12.42	12.37	12.15
Elec., Gas & San. Services	481.22	485.47	427.39	41.7	41.6	38.4	11.54	11.67	11.13
Wholesale & Retail Trade	226.63	227.84	223.55	32.1	32.0	31.8	7.06	7.12	7.03
Wholesale Trade	388.05	391.22	375.97	39.0	39.2	38.8	9.95	9.98	9.69
Retail Trade	176.71	177.61	176.71	29.9	29.8	29.6	5.91	5.96	5.97
General Merchandise Stores	168.91	171.45	178.48	26.6	27.0	27.5	6.35	6.35	6.49
Banking	271.22	271.22	263.86	38.2	38.2	36.8	7.10	7.10	7.17

HOURS AND EARNINGS
FOR SELECTED
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

DALLAS									
Manufacturing	$ 401.23	$ 400.49	$ 397.03	40.9	40.7	41.4	$ 9.81	$ 9.84	$ 9.59
Durable Goods	421.48	424.97	424.74	41.0	41.1	41.6	10.28	10.34	10.21
Nondurable Goods	367.11	360.50	353.50	40.7	40.1	41.2	9.02	8.99	8.58
FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON									
Manufacturing	439.67	450.05	396.88	40.3	41.1	41.0	10.91	10.95	9.68
Durable Goods	462.92	476.10	414.24	40.5	41.4	41.3	11.43	11.50	10.03
Nondurable Goods	364.72	368.34	353.10	39.6	40.3	40.4	9.21	9.14	8.74
HOUSTON									
Manufacturing	481.86	492.06	484.78	43.1	43.7	43.4	11.18	11.26	11.17
Durable Goods	413.52	419.08	412.90	43.3	43.7	43.1	9.55	9.59	9.58
Nondurable Goods	562.44	576.85	561.57	43.0	43.8	43.6	13.08	13.17	12.88
SAN ANTONIO									
Manufacturing	302.35	296.35	316.47	40.1	39.2	41.1	7.54	7.56	7.70
Durable Goods	329.62	318.79	353.22	41.1	39.7	40.6	8.02	8.03	8.70
Nondurable Goods	274.17	275.09	279.97	39.0	38.8	41.6	7.03	7.09	6.73

*Figures for Texas and selected areas cover Production Workers in Manufacturing and Mining Industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings' averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift work. ±Preliminary -- subject to revision upon receipt of additional reports.

SOURCE: Texas Employment Commission in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

Aside from a minimal gain in manufacturing, the increases in government and services were the only large ones recorded in February. The addition of 500 jobs in construction was its largest gain since July 1987; but this industry has lost over 100,000 jobs in the past two years.

The largest of the downturns occurred in the retail portion of trade, where 1,900 jobs were eliminated, primarily in general merchandise stores and in apparel and accessory stores. The only sizeable gain in trade was in food stores, which gained 1,600 positions. A general decline in transportation, except railroads, combined with a smaller loss in utilities, pushed employment in transportation and public utilities down by 1,100 jobs in February.

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Employment in oil and gas extraction continued its downward slide, pulling mining down by 1,000 over the month. Small losses in banking and in real estate overcame a minor gain in the insurance sector, leaving finance, insurance and real estate 500 jobs below its January level. Within manufacturing, a moderate increase of 2,100 in the durable goods sector was almost completely nullified by a sizeable downturn within nondurable goods.

Small gains and losses were common within durable goods, with the largest growth occurring in nonelectrical machinery, which added 800 jobs. An additional 600 positions were created in transportation equipment; while fabricated metal industries increased by 400, and electric and electronic equipment gained 300 jobs. The only declines in durable goods were in construction- or real estate-related sectors, such as stone, clay and glass products, furniture and fixtures, and lumber and wood products, and none of these was notable.

Two large decreases in the nondurable goods sector pushed employment down by 1,900 in February. The largest drop was in food and kindred products, which lost 1,500 jobs as preserved fruits and vegetables declined seasonally. A labor-management dispute within petroleum refining idled 1,400 workers in February. Minor gains elsewhere did little to offset these large losses.

HOURS AND EARNINGS DECLINE IN FEBRUARY

There were 606,800 manufacturing production workers in Texas in mid-February, down 1,100 from the March estimate. The average worker in February was working a 41.2-hour week at $9.89 per hour, and averaging $407.47 per week. Average weekly hours declined by half an hour over the month, while average hourly earnings dropped by 7¢, pushing weekly earnings down by $7.86.

TEC ACTIVITIES

	Feb. 1988	Feb. 1987
Total Population	16,929,000	16,773,000
% UI Covered Unemployment	2.0	2.8
UI Covered Employers	313,962	313,463
Total Claims Actions	609,699	822,415
Total Initial Claims Actions	68,047	81,566
Total Cont'd. Claims Actions	541,652	740,849
Avg. Weekly Benefit Amount	152.44	156.63
Total Amount Paid (Net)**	69,316,268	101,826,124
Total Placements	24,611	21,688

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Labor Market Review

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UNEMPLOYMENT DECLINES SLIGHTLY IN TEXAS

The Statewide unemployment rate in the actual series decreased slightly between February and March, dropping from 8.7 percent to 8.3 percent in mid-March. The current rate was virtually the same as the year-ago rate of 8.2 percent. The total number of jobless in Texas declined by only 43,600 over the month, and was slightly higher than the year-ago level. Total employment remained stable between February and March, at 7,493,000 in mid-March, but the current estimate was over 100,000 above the year-ago figure.

On a quarterly basis, the first three months of 1988 averaged 8.5 percent -- down from an average of 9.1 percent for the same quarter in 1987. Continuing high rates, along with the lingering slumps in mining and construction, reflect a very moderate and slow-moving recovery in the State's economic status. Even in the seasonally adjusted series (which attempts to eliminate seasonal factors), the unemployment rate, on average, for the first quarter of 1988 was 8.2 percent, down only moderately from the 8.8 percent rate averaged in the first quarter of 1987. National rates continued to be much better than those for Texas, as the actual rate declined from 6.2 percent to 5.9 percent over the month and the seasonally adjusted rate inched downward from 5.7 percent in February to 5.6 percent in March -- its lowest level since 1979.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES
(In Thousands)

	Mar. 1988	Feb. 1988	Mar. 1987
United States (Actual)			
Labor Force	119,957.0	119,942.0	118,353.0
Unemployment	7,090.0	7,482.0	8,124.0
Percent Unemployed	5.9	6.2	6.9
Total Employment	112,867.0	112,460.0	110,229.0
United States (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	120,904.0	121,347.0	119,246.0
Unemployment	6,801.0	6,938.0	7,791.0
Percent Unemployed	5.6	5.7	6.5
Total Employment	114,103.0	114,409.0	111,455.0
State of Texas (Actual)			
Labor Force	8,167.1	8,210.2	8,008.2
Unemployment	674.1	717.7	660.3
Percent Unemployed	8.3	8.7	8.2
Total Employment	7,493.0	7,492.5	7,347.9
State of Texas (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	8,252.0	8,306.0	8,085.0
Unemployment	670.0	696.0	653.0
Percent Unemployed	8.1	8.4	8.1
Total Employment	7,582.0	7,610.0	7,432.0

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT RISES MODERATELY

The Statewide count of nonfarm salaried jobs rose by 8,700 between February and March, totaling 6,531,700 in mid-March. Substantial gains in services, government, and manufacturing were partially offset by one sizeable downturn in trade and smaller declines in transportation and public utilities, construction and mining over the month. Between March 1987 and March 1988, the total had risen by 63,500. The over-the-month change of 8,700 was the least advance for this time of year since the 'Eighties began, and was one-third the size of the 26,200 increase recorded last year between February and March.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	Mar.'88*	Feb.'88**	Mar.'87**	Mar.'88*	Feb.'88**	Mar.'87**	Mar.'88*	Feb.'88**	Mar.'87**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
TOTAL	49,100	48,900	49,000	77,700	77,600	77,200	351,500	351,100	356,600
Manufacturing	4,600	4,600	4,500	9,900	9,900	9,800	39,300	39,200	39,600
Mining	2,100	2,100	2,200	1,200	1,300	1,400	800	800	800
Construction	2,000	2,000	2,200	3,600	3,500	3,600	15,300	15,600	17,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,400	2,400	2,500	5,800	5,800	5,600	10,900	10,800	11,000
Trade	13,500	13,400	13,600	22,200	22,200	22,100	77,400	77,700	78,600
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,600	2,600	2,600	4,500	4,600	4,600	24,800	24,700	25,400
Services & Misc.	13,100	13,100	13,100	16,200	16,000	16,000	83,800	83,300	84,400
Government	8,800	8,700	8,300	14,300	14,300	14,100	99,200	99,000	99,400
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
TOTAL	126,500	126,000	128,200	57,900	57,400	56,700	67,000	66,300	65,200
Manufacturing	23,900	23,800	24,600	15,700	15,500	15,400	10,200	10,000	9,700
Mining	1,400	1,400	1,400	1,900	1,900	1,800	--	--	--
Construction	7,500	7,400	8,200	6,000	5,700	5,700	2,300	2,200	2,300
Trans., Comm., & Util.	9,600	9,600	9,700	2,300	2,300	2,300	3,200	3,100	2,900
Trade	30,800	30,800	31,200	11,000	10,900	10,900	17,600	17,100	17,500
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,200	5,200	5,200	2,000	2,000	2,100	3,600	3,500	3,500
Services & Misc.	27,700	27,400	27,700	7,900	7,900	7,500	13,700	13,800	13,100
Government	20,400	20,400	20,200	11,100	11,200	11,000	16,400	16,600	16,200
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS 2/		
TOTAL	47,900	47,800	47,600	124,600	124,600	124,100	1,324.0	1,323.1	1,324.4
Manufacturing	3,200	3,200	3,000	11,200	11,400	11,900	221.3	221.5	220.3
Mining	600	600	600	3,800	3,800	4,600	18.2	18.1	19.4
Construction	2,000	1,900	1,900	6,100	6,000	6,800	53.0	53.7	65.2
Trans., Comm., & Util.	1,600	1,600	1,600	6,800	6,800	7,000	90.8	90.0	87.7
Trade	9,100	9,500	10,100	32,400	32,100	31,500	344.8	345.0	345.4
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,700	1,700	1,800	6,900	7,000	6,800	129.0	128.2	132.9
Services & Misc.	8,500	8,300	8,000	29,200	29,300	28,100	315.8	316.2	303.3
Government	21,100	21,000	20,600	28,200	28,200	27,400	151.1	150.4	150.2
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
TOTAL	187,100	186,700	183,800	513,600	512,700	511,000	70,200	70,100	70,900
Manufacturing	37,400	37,400	35,500	117,500	117,200	112,200	8,700	8,800	8,600
Mining	--	--	--	3,500	3,500	3,600	600	600	500
Construction	9,200	9,300	9,700	20,400	20,200	26,000	3,700	3,400	4,500
Trans., Comm., & Util.	10,300	10,300	10,000	30,700	30,700	28,700	4,600	4,800	5,700
Trade	46,400	46,300	45,600	134,100	134,000	134,700	14,000	13,900	13,700
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	9,400	9,400	9,400	27,100	27,100	27,800	4,100	4,100	4,200
Services & Misc.	35,000	34,700	34,200	112,000	111,800	111,700	13,900	13,800	12,800
Government	39,400	39,300	39,400	68,300	68,200	66,300	20,600	20,700	20,900

Services generated 7,400 additional jobs between February and March 1988, as every sector except education advanced. The largest increases were in health services, as nursing and personal care facilities expanded and staff was augmented in clinics and hospitals, due to continued flu and chicken-pox outbreaks. Preparation for spring outdoor activities sponsored by civic and social clubs contributed new jobs, and a general upturn within business and repair services also pushed employment up.

The completion of auxiliary staffing for local schools and hiring by state and local agencies were the primary forces behind the increase of 3,800 jobs in government over the month. The largest number of positions were added in the local sector, which gained 3,000 jobs in March. The only other nonmanufacturing group which recorded an increase was finance, insurance and real estate, which rose by 200 as an advance of 500 in banking was partially nullified by a slightly smaller decline among insurance carriers, agents and brokers.

An estimated 4,100 jobs were cut within the retail sector of trade, but wholesale trade compensated for part of the loss with an additional 1,300 jobs, limiting the overall loss in this sector to 2,800. The largest losses within retail trade were in general merchandise stores, where one large employer reported substantial cutbacks and smaller losses were numerous among other firms. Minor declines occurred in food stores, apparel and accessory stores, and in eating and drinking places.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	Mar.'88*	Feb.'88**	Mar.'87**	Mar.'88*	Feb.'88**	Mar.'87**	Mar.'88*	Feb.'88**	Mar.'87**
	HOUSTON 2/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO		
TOTAL	1,395.9	1,385.9	1,369.0	70,400	69,900	68,800	35,600	36,200	35,100
Manufacturing	149.5	149.2	142.9	8,000	8,000	8,200	1,500	1,700	1,800
Mining	63.7	62.8	62.2	100	100	100	2,000	2,000	1,700
Construction	80.5	80.1	85.9	3,500	3,400	3,700	1,300	1,300	1,300
Trans., Comm., & Util.	98.6	97.4	97.3	2,700	2,700	2,700	4,700	4,800	4,300
Trade	350.0	349.1	345.2	16,000	15,900	15,700	10,100	10,300	10,300
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	96.9	96.3	101.8	3,000	3,000	3,000	1,700	1,700	1,600
Services & Misc.	367.6	362.4	346.6	15,500	15,200	14,800	5,900	6,000	5,800
Government	189.1	188.6	187.1	21,600	21,600	20,600	8,400	8,400	8,300
	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
TOTAL	65,200	64,700	63,500	92,000	91,500	90,800	90,800	90,000	88,900
Manufacturing	15,800	15,600	14,800	7,400	7,300	7,300	12,000	11,400	12,100
Mining	3,500	3,500	3,600	400	400	400	900	900	800
Construction	3,300	3,100	2,900	3,300	3,100	3,400	4,000	3,800	4,000
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,100	3,100	3,100	5,000	5,000	4,900	2,900	2,700	3,100
Trade	16,600	16,600	16,200	27,100	27,000	26,400	27,100	27,200	26,900
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,700	2,700	3,300	5,300	5,300	5,300	3,700	3,800	3,800
Services & Misc.	11,700	11,600	11,200	22,000	21,700	21,200	14,700	14,600	14,000
Government	8,500	8,500	8,400	21,500	21,700	21,900	25,500	25,600	24,200
	MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO		
TOTAL	44,200	44,200	43,200	43,500	43,600	41,100	36,500	36,500	36,200
Manufacturing	2,800	2,900	2,800	3,800	3,800	3,500	5,700	5,500	5,600
Mining	9,900	9,900	9,500	6,200	6,300	5,600	400	400	400
Construction	1,000	1,000	1,200	2,000	2,000	2,000	1,500	1,500	1,700
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,200	2,100	2,100	2,200	2,200	2,000	3,100	3,100	3,200
Trade	10,100	10,000	9,900	12,500	12,500	12,000	9,500	9,600	9,500
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,500	2,500	2,700	1,700	1,700	1,600	1,800	1,800	1,800
Services & Misc.	8,700	8,700	8,600	7,300	7,300	6,700	7,700	7,800	7,400
Government	7,000	7,100	6,400	7,800	7,800	7,700	6,800	6,800	6,600
	SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
TOTAL	507,500	505,500	499,300	38,200	37,900	37,300	45,600	45,400	44,900
Manufacturing	46,600	46,200	46,000	11,200	11,200	11,000	7,300	7,400	7,200
Mining	2,700	2,600	2,600	100	100	100	100	100	100
Construction	28,000	28,300	29,600	1,700	1,600	1,700	2,100	2,100	1,800
Trans., Comm., & Util.	18,000	17,900	18,400	2,000	2,000	2,100	1,700	1,700	1,900
Trade	130,900	131,200	127,900	8,200	8,200	8,100	10,600	10,600	10,700
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	40,000	39,900	39,600	1,800	1,800	1,700	1,900	1,900	1,800
Services & Misc.	124,000	122,300	119,500	8,800	8,700	7,500	9,500	9,300	8,900
Government	117,300	117,100	115,700	4,400	4,300	5,100	12,400	12,300	12,500
	TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO		
TOTAL	61,000	61,000	60,200	27,800	27,700	26,600	78,500	78,300	77,100
Manufacturing	10,600	10,600	10,700	3,100	3,100	2,700	14,600	15,100	14,500
Mining	1,900	1,900	1,900	1,500	1,500	1,500	100	100	100
Construction	2,200	2,200	2,400	1,800	1,700	1,700	3,500	3,400	3,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,600	2,700	2,600	1,500	1,500	1,500	3,300	3,300	3,200
Trade	16,300	16,300	16,300	7,900	7,900	7,700	19,200	19,100	18,900
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,600	3,700	3,600	1,500	1,500	1,500	4,700	4,700	4,800
Services & Misc.	14,600	14,400	13,600	5,900	5,900	5,500	20,600	20,100	19,800
Government	9,200	9,200	9,100	4,600	4,600	4,500	12,500	12,500	12,400
	WICHITA FALLS								
TOTAL	50,200	50,000	49,400						
Manufacturing	8,100	8,100	8,400						
Mining	1,900	1,900	1,800						
Construction	1,700	1,700	1,600						
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,600	2,600	2,600						
Trade	12,200	12,200	11,800						
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,300	2,300	2,300						
Services & Misc.	11,700	11,500	11,300						
Government	9,700	9,700	9,600						

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2/ In Thousands.

TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY ESTIMATES 1/

Industry	Mar. 1988*	Feb. 1988**	Mar. 1987**	Change From Feb. 1988	Change From Mar. 1987
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT±	6,531,700	6,523,000	6,468,200	8,700	63,500
Manufacturing	939,900	938,800	917,700	1,100	22,200
Durable Goods	539,100	540,200	522,500	-1,100	16,600
Lumber & Wood Products	32,900	33,300	34,200	-400	-1,300
Logging Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills	6,500	6,600	6,700	-100	-200
Furniture & Fixtures	16,700	16,800	15,700	-100	1,000
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	42,600	42,600	43,000	0	-400
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Products	18,300	18,500	19,500	-200	-1,200
Primary Metal Industries	28,100	28,100	26,300	0	1,800
Fabricated Metal Industries	73,800	73,600	70,800	200	3,000
Fabricated Structural Metal Products	35,100	35,300	35,100	-200	0
Machinery, Except Electrical	101,100	101,700	96,800	-600	4,300
Oil Field Machinery	22,100	22,300	20,700	-200	1,400
Electric & Electronic Equipment	116,700	116,900	114,300	-200	2,400
Transportation Equipment	92,200	92,400	87,200	-200	5,000
Aircraft & Parts	53,200	53,100	50,400	100	2,800
Instruments & Related Products	21,700	21,700	21,300	0	400
Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries	13,300	13,100	12,900	200	400
Nondurable Goods	400,800	398,600	395,200	2,200	5,600
Food & Kindred Products	96,700	95,800	95,900	900	800
Meat Products	28,700	28,700	27,900	0	800
Dairy Products	4,700	4,600	4,700	100	0
Bakery Products	10,100	10,100	10,100	0	0
Malt Beverages	3,000	3,000	3,100	0	-100
Textile Mill Products	3,900	4,000	3,900	-100	0
Apparel & Other Finished Textile Products	54,500	54,600	51,500	-100	3,000
Paper & Allied Products	25,400	25,200	23,500	200	1,900
Printing & Publishing	73,200	73,000	74,300	200	-1,100
Newspaper, Periodicals, Books & Misc. Publ.	36,100	36,300	37,400	-200	-1,300
Chemicals & Allied Products	74,100	73,000	73,700	1,100	400
Petroleum & Coal Products	30,900	31,200	33,100	-300	-2,200
Petroleum Refining	27,600	27,900	29,800	-300	-2,200
Leather & Leather Products	8,000	7,900	7,000	100	1,000
Other Nondurable Goods	34,100	33,900	32,300	200	1,800
Total Nonmanufacturing	5,591,800	5,584,200	5,550,500	7,600	41,300
Mining	182,000	182,100	179,300	-100	2,700
Metal & Coal & Nonmet. Mnrls., Exc. Fuel	9,800	9,800	10,100	0	-300
Oil & Gas Extraction	172,200	172,300	169,200	-100	3,000
Construction	317,900	318,100	348,300	-200	-30,400
Transportation & Public Utilities	384,000	384,700	378,000	-700	6,000
Railroad Transportation	20,600	20,600	21,300	0	-700
Transportation, Except Railroads	203,300	204,100	195,000	-800	8,300
Transportation by Air	60,000	59,300	53,100	700	6,900
Communication, Exc. U. S. Postal Service	84,400	84,300	85,300	100	-900
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	75,700	75,700	76,400	0	-700
Electric Services	41,100	41,300	42,500	-200	-1,400
Gas Production & Distribution	27,200	27,100	26,800	100	400
Wholesale & Retail Trade	1,628,100	1,630,900	1,628,700	-2,800	-600
Wholesale Trade	409,400	408,100	408,000	1,300	1,400
Retail Trade	1,218,700	1,222,800	1,220,700	-4,100	-2,000
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	44,700	44,200	45,800	500	-1,100
General Merchandise Stores	161,600	164,600	155,600	-3,000	6,000
Food Stores	225,900	226,600	225,200	-700	700
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	132,100	131,900	133,500	200	-1,400
Apparel & Accessory Stores	77,200	77,900	83,700	-700	-6,500
Eating & Drinking Places	394,600	394,200	393,900	400	700
Other Retail Trade	182,600	183,400	183,000	-800	-400
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	437,600	437,400	443,900	200	-6,300
Banking	98,100	97,600	99,500	500	-1,400
Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers	137,200	137,600	138,100	-400	-900
Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	202,300	202,200	206,300	100	-4,000
Services	1,464,500	1,457,100	1,415,200	7,400	49,300
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	81,500	80,800	83,700	700	-2,200
Personal Services	83,900	83,800	83,100	100	800
Business & Repair Services	404,500	403,200	389,000	1,300	15,500
Amusement, Including Motion Pictures	53,200	52,800	51,100	400	2,100
Health Services	397,100	394,300	379,300	2,800	17,800
Educational Services	79,900	79,900	75,400	0	4,500
Other Services & Miscellaneous	364,400	362,300	353,600	2,100	10,800
Total Government	1,177,700	1,173,900	1,157,100	3,800	20,600
Total Federal Government	191,700	192,000	193,400	-300	-1,700
Total State Government	243,600	242,500	235,300	1,100	8,300
Total Local Government	742,400	739,400	728,400	3,000	14,000

1/ Estimated number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas without reference to place of residence of workers. ±Estimates of TEC in cooperation with Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.
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CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

	Mar.'88*	Feb.'88**	Mar.'87**	Mar.'88*	Feb.'88**	Mar.'87**	Mar.'88*	Feb.'88**	Mar.'87**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	53,900	54,100	53,700	98,600	99,800	96,900	423,900	426,500	421,600
Total Unemployment	4,100	4,300	4,600	6,400	7,000	5,900	29,100	30,400	25,500
Percent Unemployed	7.6	7.9	8.6	6.5	7.0	6.1	6.9	7.1	6.0
Total Employment 2/	49,800	49,800	49,100	92,200	92,800	91,000	394,800	396,100	396,100
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	157,700	159,700	157,800	80,700	81,100	78,100	97,100	98,000	91,900
Total Unemployment	18,400	20,400	18,900	7,500	7,900	7,300	14,600	16,100	12,700
Percent Unemployed	11.7	12.8	12.0	9.3	9.7	9.3	15.0	16.4	13.8
Total Employment 2/	139,300	139,300	138,900	73,200	73,200	70,800	82,500	81,900	79,200
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	56,300	56,800	55,900	160,100	160,900	158,500	1,430.4	1,441.4	1,405.6
Total Unemployment	2,800	3,100	3,200	17,200	18,700	18,400	91.0	96.5	80.5
Percent Unemployed	5.0	5.5	5.7	10.7	11.6	11.6	6.4	6.7	5.7
Total Employment 2/	53,500	53,700	52,700	142,900	142,200	140,100	1,339.4	1,344.9	1,325.1
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
Total Civilian Labor Force	233,500	236,100	222,900	669,300	672,800	653,000	106,300	106,600	105,900
Total Unemployment	26,900	29,300	22,400	46,900	49,500	41,100	10,900	11,300	10,500
Percent Unemployed	11.5	12.4	10.0	7.0	7.4	6.3	10.3	10.6	9.9
Total Employment 2/	206,600	206,800	200,500	622,400	623,300	611,900	95,400	95,300	95,400
	HOUSTON 3/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	1,581.6	1,584.4	1,558.2	93,100	93,700	89,400	46,600	47,200	44,600
Total Unemployment	123.9	131.8	140.5	7,700	8,100	6,500	7,900	8,500	7,300
Percent Unemployed	7.8	8.3	9.0	8.3	8.6	7.3	17.0	18.0	16.4
Total Employment 2/	1,457.7	1,452.6	1,417.7	85,400	85,600	82,900	38,700	38,700	37,300
	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
Total Civilian Labor Force	78,500	79,200	76,300	111,900	112,300	109,400	151,100	152,400	143,300
Total Unemployment	7,800	8,600	7,900	6,700	7,100	6,400	29,800	31,400	25,800
Percent Unemployed	9.9	10.9	10.4	6.0	6.3	5.9	19.7	20.6	18.0
Total Employment 2/	70,700	70,600	68,400	105,200	105,200	103,000	121,300	121,000	117,500
	MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	49,000	49,500	49,100	53,400	54,000	53,700	45,000	45,100	44,300
Total Unemployment	3,500	3,800	4,700	4,500	4,900	7,000	2,800	2,900	2,800
Percent Unemployed	7.1	7.7	9.6	8.4	9.1	13.0	6.2	6.4	6.3
Total Employment 2/	45,500	45,700	44,400	48,900	49,100	46,700	42,200	42,200	41,500
	SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	612,100	616,000	590,300	49,300	49,700	47,300	58,300	58,500	56,500
Total Unemployment	50,500	54,300	44,300	3,700	4,000	3,600	4,900	5,200	4,900
Percent Unemployed	8.3	8.8	7.5	7.5	8.0	7.6	8.4	8.9	8.7
Total Employment 2/	561,600	561,700	546,000	45,600	45,700	43,700	53,400	53,300	51,600
	TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	76,000	76,600	75,300	36,500	36,800	35,800	92,700	93,700	89,500
Total Unemployment	6,200	6,700	6,300	2,800	3,100	3,300	7,400	8,100	6,700
Percent Unemployed	8.2	8.7	8.4	7.7	8.4	9.2	8.0	8.6	7.5
Total Employment 2/	69,800	69,900	69,000	33,700	33,700	32,500	85,300	85,600	82,800
	WICHITA FALLS						STATE OF TEXAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	57,000	57,600	55,500				8,167.1	8,210.2	8,008.2
Total Unemployment	4,300	4,800	4,300				674.1	717.7	660.3
Percent Unemployed	7.5	8.3	7.7				8.3	8.7	8.2
Total Employment 2/	52,700	52,800	51,200				7,493.0	7,492.5	7,347.9

1/ All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted).

2/ Includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes.

3/ In Thousands.

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HOURS AND EARNINGS IN TEXAS*

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Mar.± 1988	Feb. 1988	Mar. 1987	Mar.± 1988	Feb. 1988	Mar. 1987	Mar.± 1988	Feb. 1988	Mar. 1987
FOR TEXAS									
MANUFACTURING TOTAL	$ 413.82	$ 409.45	$ 402.78	41.8	41.4	41.1	$ 9.90	$ 9.89	$ 9.80
Durable Goods	410.90	406.43	396.48	42.1	41.6	41.3	9.76	9.77	9.60
Lumber & Wood Products	293.82	281.80	280.40	41.5	40.2	40.0	7.08	7.01	7.01
Furniture & Fixtures	248.53	243.71	243.97	39.2	38.5	38.3	6.34	6.33	6.37
Stone, Clay & Glass Prods.	389.05	382.62	390.44	42.8	42.0	43.0	9.09	9.11	9.08
Primary Metal Industries	433.86	439.43	424.76	40.7	41.3	41.0	10.66	10.64	10.36
Fabricated Metal Products	380.92	375.53	367.36	42.8	42.1	41.0	8.90	8.92	8.96
Machinery, exc. Electric	428.48	422.81	414.00	43.5	43.1	41.4	9.85	9.81	10.00
Oil Field Machinery	513.82	507.57	488.27	46.0	45.4	41.1	11.17	11.18	11.88
Electric & Electronic Equip.	429.39	433.35	431.18	40.7	40.5	41.7	10.55	10.70	10.34
Transportation Equipment	563.99	550.34	515.68	44.2	43.3	42.2	12.76	12.71	12.22
Instruments & Related Prod.	354.00	353.83	359.38	40.0	40.3	40.7	8.85	8.78	8.83
Misc. Manufacturing Inds.	261.52	264.89	249.66	37.2	37.1	37.6	7.03	7.14	6.64
Nondurable Goods	416.90	412.64	410.64	41.4	41.1	40.9	10.07	10.04	10.04
Food & Kindred Products	347.78	339.07	339.80	41.8	41.0	40.5	8.32	8.27	8.39
Meat Products	258.54	249.86	261.12	41.3	40.3	38.4	6.26	6.20	6.80
Malt Beverages	893.15	792.93	805.71	49.4	44.9	46.6	18.08	17.66	17.29
Textile Mill Products	326.87	335.61	318.46	44.9	46.1	45.3	7.28	7.28	7.03
Apparel & Other Text. Prods.	204.00	200.20	187.61	37.5	36.6	35.6	5.44	5.47	5.27
Paper & Allied Products	486.63	480.60	454.51	45.1	44.5	43.0	10.79	10.80	10.57
Printing & Publishing	389.83	386.84	381.97	39.1	38.8	39.5	9.97	9.97	9.67
Chemicals & Allied Products	651.84	657.29	645.84	42.8	43.5	43.2	15.23	15.11	14.95
Petroleum & Coal Products	691.68	669.23	662.72	44.0	43.4	43.4	15.72	15.42	15.27
Petroleum Refining	721.92	695.13	689.59	44.1	43.5	43.7	16.37	15.98	15.78
Leather & Leather Products	218.96	211.50	226.74	36.8	37.5	38.3	5.95	5.64	5.92
Other Nondurable Goods	378.88	389.34	394.67	43.7	44.7	44.9	8.67	8.71	8.79
NONMANUFACTURING									
Mining	481.98	496.13	490.32	39.8	40.8	41.1	12.11	12.16	11.93
Met/Coal/Nonmet Mnrls. exc. Fuel	564.33	543.74	539.87	46.6	44.9	46.5	12.11	12.11	11.61
Oil & Gas Extraction	475.92	492.89	486.37	39.3	40.5	40.7	12.11	12.17	11.95
Commun., exc. U. S. Postal Service	488.50	491.09	478.67	39.3	39.7	39.3	12.43	12.37	12.18
Elec., Gas & San. Services	457.86	474.95	430.88	39.1	41.3	38.3	11.71	11.50	11.25
Wholesale & Retail Trade	226.69	226.95	224.26	32.2	32.1	31.9	7.04	7.07	7.03
Wholesale Trade	384.51	391.00	376.36	38.8	39.1	38.8	9.91	10.00	9.70
Retail Trade	177.59	176.70	177.01	30.1	30.0	29.7	5.90	5.89	5.96
General Merchandise Stores	174.71	165.27	184.62	27.6	26.7	28.1	6.33	6.19	6.57
Banking	254.46	273.02	262.81	36.3	38.4	36.4	7.01	7.11	7.22

HOURS AND EARNINGS FOR SELECTED TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

DALLAS									
Manufacturing	$ 397.58	$ 398.52	$ 400.89	41.2	41.0	41.5	$ 9.65	$ 9.72	$ 9.66
Durable Goods	419.15	421.04	427.84	41.5	41.4	41.7	10.10	10.17	10.26
Nondurable Goods	364.34	361.98	358.03	40.8	40.4	41.2	8.93	8.96	8.69
FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON									
Manufacturing	451.67	442.13	396.50	41.4	40.6	40.5	10.91	10.89	9.79
Durable Goods	477.24	466.26	411.89	41.9	40.9	40.5	11.39	11.40	10.17
Nondurable Goods	369.87	366.16	356.33	39.9	39.8	40.4	9.27	9.20	8.82
HOUSTON									
Manufacturing	490.25	485.39	486.00	43.5	43.3	43.2	11.27	11.21	11.25
Durable Goods	413.69	411.78	414.09	43.5	43.3	43.0	9.51	9.51	9.63
Nondurable Goods	578.55	571.13	564.63	43.5	43.3	43.5	13.30	13.19	12.98
SAN ANTONIO									
Manufacturing	306.46	308.03	312.07	39.8	39.9	40.9	7.70	7.72	7.63
Durable Goods	337.20	341.90	339.04	40.0	40.8	39.7	8.43	8.38	8.54
Nondurable Goods	276.71	273.47	285.44	39.7	38.9	42.1	6.97	7.03	6.78

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*Figures for Texas and selected areas cover Production Workers in Manufacturing and Mining Industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings' averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift work. ±Preliminary -- subject to revision upon receipt of additional reports.

SOURCE: Texas Employment Commission in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

Transportation and public utilities lost 700 jobs, due primarily to a sizeable decrease in business in water transportation. This loss was partially countered by a small increase in air transportation. Employment in construction and mining remained fairly stable, as construction lost 200 additional jobs and mining was down 100 in March.

Manufacturing generated 1,100 hires over the month, with all of the increase centered in the nondurable goods sector. Durable goods lost 1,100 jobs, as the majority of its sectors declined in March. The largest of the decreases was in nonelectrical machinery, where contract completions cut 600 positions. Lumber and wood products recorded a loss of 400 jobs, and smaller losses were spread throughout durable goods.

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Although the nondurable goods sector rose by 2,200, half of that increase was due to the return of previously laid-off workers in chemicals and allied products. The only other notable gain was in food and kindred products, as seasonal increases occurred in preserved fruits and vegetables and in sugar processing. The largest decline in this sector was in petroleum and coal products, which lost 300 jobs in March.

MANUFACTURING HOURS AND EARNINGS RISE MODERATELY

The estimated number of manufacturing production workers increased by 1,200 over the month, totaling 607,200 in mid-March. Both average weekly hours and average hourly earnings rose slightly. In March, the average manufacturing worker averaged 41.8 hours per week at $9.90 per hour, for average weekly earnings of $413.82. Average hours worked per week were up 0.4 hour from February and had risen by 0.7 hour from March 1987. Average hourly earnings were up only 1¢ over the month, but had increased 10¢ from a year earlier. These increases pushed average weekly earnings up by $4.37 between February and March and by $11.04 over the year.

QUARTERLY UI BENEFITS PAID BY MSA
1ST QUARTER 1988
January - March 1988

Abilene	1,203,440
Amarillo	1,991,776
Austin	10,988,696
Beaumont-Port Arthur	6,269,854
Brazoria PMSA	2,610,188
Brownsville-Harlingen	3,622,014
Bryan-College Station	800,510
Corpus Christi	4,917,924
Dallas PMSA	34,671,245
El Paso	7,172,404
Fort Worth-Arlington PMSA	17,330,346
Galveston-Texas City PMSA	3,702,051
Houston PMSA	40,952,260
Killeen-Temple	1,820,330
Laredo	1,566,478
Longview-Marshall	1,636,561
Lubbock	1,729,797
McAllen-Edinburg-Mission	4,897,883
Midland	1,256,646
Odessa	1,244,772
San Angelo	742,608
San Antonio	15,456,389
Sherman-Denison	[illegible]
Texarkana (Bowie Co. only)	1,726,156
Tyler	2,233,119
Victoria	861,821
Waco	2,723,268
Wichita Falls	1,677,150
State of Texas	210,115,642

TEC ACTIVITIES

	Mar. 1988	Mar. 1987
Total Population	16,855,600	16,755,700*
% UI Covered Unemployment	2.0	2.8
UI Covered Employers	313,430	312,260
Total Claims Actions	677,906	870,400
Total Initial Claims Actions	66,520	81,686
Total Cont'd. Claims Actions	611,386	788,714
Avg. Weekly Benefit Amount	152.43	156.77
Total Amount Paid (Net)**	79,410,513	109,652,093
Total Placements	30,726	26,004

*Revised.
**Regular State UI benefits.

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TEXAS UNEMPLOYMENT RATE DROPS SHARPLY

The Statewide jobless rate in the actual series declined over the month, from 8.3 percent to 7.0 percent in mid-April -- its lowest level since January 1986 (before the oil crisis) and the largest March-to-April decrease since 1970. The number of unemployed fell by close to 100,000, totaling 577,000 in April. The current rate was also down from the year-ago rate of 8.3 percent. While this sharp drop in unemployment is encouraging, it cannot necessarily be interpreted as a turning point in the State's economy, as joblessness will probably expand again in May when summer jobseekers begin entering the labor market. The total number of Texans who were working rose substantially in April, to an estimated 7,658,000.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES
(In Thousands)

	Apr. 1988	Mar. 1988	Apr. 1987
United States (Actual)			
Labor Force	120,264.0	119,957.0	118,347.0
Unemployment	6,359.0	7,090.0	7,306.0
Percent Unemployed	5.3	5.9	6.2
Total Employment	113,905.0	112,867.0	111,041.0
United States (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	121,323.0	120,904.0	119,363.0
Unemployment	6,610.0	6,801.0	7,557.0
Percent Unemployed	5.4	5.6	6.3
Total Employment	114,713.0	114,103.0	111,806.0
State of Texas (Actual)			
Labor Force	8,235.0	8,167.1	8,099.9
Unemployment	577.0	674.1	671.3
Percent Unemployed	7.0	8.3	8.3
Total Employment	7,658.0	7,493.0	7,428.6
State of Texas (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	8,334.0	8,252.0	8,197.0
Unemployment	623.0	670.0	716.0
Percent Unemployed	7.5	8.1	8.7
Total Employment	7,711.0	7,582.0	7,481.0

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Texas also declined between March and April, dropping from 8.1 percent to 7.5 percent. The current rate was, however, over a full percentage point below the April 1987 seasonally adjusted rate of 8.7 percent. The unemployment rates for the Nation in both series continued falling, with the actual rate declining from 5.9 percent to 5.3 percent in April and the seasonally adjusted rate sliding down from 5.6 percent to 5.4 percent. Both rates were almost a full percentage point below their year-ago levels.

NONFARM SALARIED JOBS INCREASE MODERATELY

Statewide nonagricultural wage and salary employment rose by 8,700 between March and April, totaling 6,547,400 in mid-April -- up 65,400 over the past year. The majority of the over-the-month increases were due to seasonal factors, as outdoor activities accelerated. The largest of the gains in April were in trade, services and construction.

Employers in the retail portion of trade contributed the largest number of new jobs over the month, adding 5,100 positions. A continued moderate decline in the wholesale portion left trade as a whole up 4,300 -- its largest growth this year. Almost every retail sector showed some increases over the month, but the most

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	Apr.'88*	Mar.'88**	Apr.'87**	Apr.'88*	Mar.'88**	Apr.'87**	Apr.'88*	Mar.'88**	Apr.'87**
		ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN	
TOTAL	49,300	49,200	48,400	78,000	77,500	77,200	352,400	351,800	357,400
Manufacturing	4,600	4,600	4,500	10,000	10,000	9,900	39,200	39,300	39,400
Mining	2,100	2,100	2,000	1,200	1,200	1,400	700	800	800
Construction	2,000	2,000	2,100	3,500	3,500	3,400	15,200	15,300	17,100
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,400	2,400	2,400	5,900	5,800	5,700	10,800	10,900	10,800
Trade	13,600	13,500	13,400	22,500	22,200	22,000	77,900	77,500	79,500
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,600	2,600	2,500	4,400	4,500	4,500	24,800	24,800	25,300
Services & Misc.	13,100	13,100	13,200	16,400	16,100	16,200	83,600	83,600	84,300
Government	8,900	8,900	8,300	14,100	14,200	14,100	100,200	99,600	100,200
		BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN	
TOTAL	127,400	126,800	128,600	58,000	57,600	57,000	67,200	67,200	65,400
Manufacturing	24,200	24,300	25,100	15,600	15,600	15,300	10,300	10,200	9,400
Mining	1,500	1,400	1,500	1,800	1,900	1,800	0	0	0
Construction	7,600	7,500	7,800	6,200	5,900	5,900	2,200	2,200	2,300
Trans., Comm., & Util.	9,400	9,500	9,700	2,300	2,300	2,300	3,200	3,100	3,100
Trade	31,000	30,800	31,300	10,900	10,900	11,000	17,500	17,500	17,400
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,300	5,200	5,300	2,000	2,000	2,000	3,500	3,600	3,500
Services & Misc.	28,000	27,700	27,700	8,100	7,900	7,700	13,900	14,000	13,400
Government	20,400	20,400	20,200	11,100	11,100	11,000	16,600	16,600	16,300
		BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS 2/	
TOTAL	48,500	48,200	47,200	125,100	124,800	123,600	1,327.5	1,326.9	1,326.9
Manufacturing	3,200	3,200	3,000	11,100	11,200	11,400	220.9	221.5	221.1
Mining	600	600	600	3,800	3,800	4,400	18.2	18.2	18.7
Construction	2,200	2,100	1,900	6,100	6,100	6,800	52.2	53.1	64.3
Trans., Comm., & Util.	1,500	1,600	1,500	6,900	6,800	6,900	91.6	90.9	88.6
Trade	9,700	9,300	9,900	32,600	32,400	31,700	345.5	345.2	343.2
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,700	1,700	1,800	7,000	6,900	6,900	128.5	128.5	133.1
Services & Misc.	8,600	8,600	8,200	29,300	29,300	28,000	319.5	318.1	308.0
Government	21,000	21,100	20,300	28,300	28,300	27,500	151.1	151.4	149.9
		EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY	
TOTAL	188,600	187,000	184,500	513,800	512,900	512,600	70,300	69,300	71,500
Manufacturing	37,500	37,200	35,700	117,100	117,400	113,500	8,500	8,600	8,600
Mining	0	0	0	3,700	3,500	3,600	600	600	500
Construction	9,300	9,200	9,500	20,200	20,200	25,100	2,900	3,000	4,500
Trans., Comm., & Util.	10,500	10,400	9,900	30,900	30,700	29,200	4,500	4,500	5,100
Trade	46,800	46,600	45,900	133,200	133,400	136,300	14,400	13,900	14,000
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	9,500	9,400	9,500	26,900	26,900	27,900	4,100	4,100	4,200
Services & Misc.	35,500	34,900	34,500	113,000	112,300	110,200	14,500	13,900	13,600
Government	39,500	39,300	39,500	68,800	68,500	66,800	20,800	20,700	21,000

significant gain occurred in eating and drinking places, which rose by 4.100. Smaller seasonal increases were reported in food stores, where 700 jobs were added. and in general merchandise stores, which gained 600 positions. Minor downturns were recorded in building materials and garden supplies and among automotive dealers and service stations.

Services has generated three-fourths of the total job growth during the past year. This sector increased by only 2,600 between March and April, its smallest advance in 1988. The largest over-the-month gain was in amusement, including motion pictures, where seasonal hiring for amusement parks and major baseball stadiums accelerated. A sizeable number of additional jobs were also created in business and repair services and in health services. These two industries combined were responsible for half of the total jobs created over the past year. The only sector of services which lost positions over the month was hotels and other lodging places, where employment has been hurt by the State's overall economic downturn.

Construction recorded its largest increase since July 1987, with 1,900 additional jobs between March and April. Much of this increase was seasonal in nature; and a sizeable portion of the new jobs were in heavy construction such as highways and bridges. Despite this advance, employment in construction remained 25,800 below its year-ago level.

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TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	Apr.'88*	Mar.'88**	Apr.'87**	Apr.'88*	Mar.'88**	Apr.'87**	Apr.'88*	Mar.'88**	Apr.'87**
	HOUSTON 2/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO		
TOTAL	1,399.5	1,395.7	1,372.1	70,400	70,100	68,900	36,300	35,900	35,300
Manufacturing	150.6	150.2	143.2	8,000	7,900	7,900	1,500	1,500	1,700
Mining	63.6	63.3	61.5	100	100	100	2,000	2,000	1,800
Construction	81.0	80.6	84.6	3,500	3,500	3,600	1,300	1,300	1,300
Trans., Comm., & Util.	98.7	98.2	96.4	2,700	2,700	2,600	4,800	4,800	4,400
Trade	350.5	350.4	345.8	16,200	16,000	15,900	10,300	10,200	10,200
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	97.2	97.3	102.1	3,000	3,000	3,000	1,700	1,700	1,600
Services & Misc.	368.2	366.1	350.7	15,400	15,400	15,000	6,100	5,900	5,900
Government	189.7	189.6	187.8	21,500	21,500	20,800	8,600	8,500	8,400
	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
TOTAL	65,600	65,300	64,000	92,000	91,700	91,100	90,000	91,300	88,100
Manufacturing	15,800	15,800	15,100	7,300	7,400	7,300	12,100	12,400	12,100
Mining	3,500	3,500	3,600	400	400	400	900	900	800
Construction	3,300	3,300	3,000	3,400	3,300	3,400	4,100	4,000	3,900
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,200	3,200	3,200	5,000	5,000	4,900	2,700	2,800	3,000
Trade	16,700	16,700	16,400	27,400	27,100	26,500	25,800	27,200	26,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,700	2,700	3,100	5,500	5,200	5,500	3,700	3,700	3,600
Services & Misc.	11,900	11,600	11,200	21,700	22,000	21,200	14,600	14,700	14,500
Government	8,500	8,500	8,400	21,300	21,300	21,900	25,100	25,500	24,100
	MIDLAND			ODESSA 3/			SAN ANGELO		
TOTAL	44,600	44,400	43,500	43,200	43,500	41,500	36,600	36,600	36,200
Manufacturing	2,800	2,800	2,800	3,700	3,800	3,600	5,600	5,600	5,600
Mining	9,900	9,900	9,500	6,100	6,200	5,600	400	400	400
Construction	1,100	1,100	1,200	2,000	2,100	2,100	1,600	1,600	1,600
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,200	2,200	2,100	2,100	2,100	2,000	3,100	3,100	3,200
Trade	10,200	10,100	10,100	12,500	12,500	12,000	9,500	9,500	9,400
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,500	2,500	2,700	1,700	1,700	1,700	1,800	1,800	1,800
Services & Misc.	8,700	8,700	8,600	7,300	7,300	6,800	7,800	7,800	7,600
Government	7,200	7,100	6,500	7,800	7,800	7,700	6,800	6,800	6,600
	SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
TOTAL	511,000	508,900	501,500	38,100	38,100	37,300	45,000	45,400	45,000
Manufacturing	47,100	46,600	46,200	11,100	11,100	10,800	7,200	7,300	7,300
Mining	2,700	2,700	2,600	100	100	100	100	100	100
Construction	27,300	28,100	29,400	1,800	1,700	1,700	2,000	2,100	1,900
Trans., Comm., & Util.	18,000	17,900	18,100	2,000	2,000	2,000	1,700	1,700	1,800
Trade	132,700	131,200	129,400	8,300	8,200	8,200	10,600	10,500	10,200
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	40,000	40,400	39,700	1,700	1,800	1,700	1,900	1,900	1,900
Services & Misc.	125,700	124,500	120,100	8,800	8,900	8,300	9,400	9,400	9,300
Government	117,500	117,500	116,000	4,300	4,300	4,500	12,100	12,400	12,500
	TYLER 3/			VICTORIA 3/			WACO		
TOTAL	61,100	61,000	60,700	27,600	27,700	27,200	78,500	78,600	77,300
Manufacturing	10,600	10,600	10,800	2,900	3,100	2,800	14,700	14,700	14,600
Mining	1,900	1,900	1,900	1,500	1,500	1,500	100	100	100
Construction	2,300	2,300	2,300	1,800	1,800	1,800	3,700	3,500	3,600
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,600	2,600	2,600	1,500	1,500	1,500	3,300	3,300	3,200
Trade	16,400	16,300	16,500	7,800	7,800	7,900	19,100	19,100	18,800
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,600	3,600	3,600	1,600	1,500	1,500	4,700	4,700	4,700
Services & Misc.	14,500	14,500	13,900	5,900	5,900	5,600	20,400	20,700	19,900
Government	9,200	9,200	9,100	4,600	4,600	4,600	12,500	12,500	12,400
	WICHITA FALLS								
TOTAL	50,200	50,300	50,200						
Manufacturing	8,200	8,200	8,400						
Mining	1,900	1,900	1,900						
Construction	1,700	1,700	1,700						
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,600	2,600	2,600						
Trade	12,100	12,100	12,200						
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,300	2,300	2,400						
Services & Misc.	11,600	11,600	11,500						
Government	9,800	9,900	9,500						

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1/ Estimates prepared by TEC in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor, with specified exceptions.

2/ In Thousands.

3/ Estimates prepared under the auspices of the Texas Employment Commission.

TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY ESTIMATES 1/

Industry	Apr. 1988*	Mar. 1988**	Apr. 1987**	Change From Mar. 1988	Change From Apr. 1987
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT±	6,547,400	6,538,700	6,482,000	8,700	65,400
Manufacturing	937,500	938,400	918,600	-900	18,900
Durable Goods	541,200	539,700	523,600	1,500	17,600
Lumber & Wood Products	33,500	33,000	34,600	500	-1,100
Logging Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills	6,400	6,500	6,700	-100	-300
Furniture & Fixtures	16,700	16,700	15,600	0	1,100
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	42,700	42,600	43,200	100	-500
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Products	18,100	18,300	19,400	-200	-1,300
Primary Metal Industries	28,400	28,300	26,700	100	1,700
Fabricated Metal Industries	74,000	73,700	71,000	300	3,000
Fabricated Structural Metal Products	34,900	35,000	34,900	-100	0
Machinery, Except Electrical	101,400	101,000	96,100	400	5,300
Oil Field Machinery	22,700	22,400	20,600	300	2,100
Electric & Electronic Equipment	116,800	116,700	114,200	100	2,600
Transportation Equipment	92,400	92,500	87,800	-100	4,600
Aircraft & Parts	53,400	53,300	50,700	100	2,700
Instruments & Related Products	21,800	21,800	21,500	0	300
Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries	13,500	13,400	12,900	100	600
Nondurable Goods	396,300	398,700	395,000	-2,400	1,300
Food & Kindred Products	93,100	94,800	94,900	-1,700	-1,800
Meat Products	26,700	27,000	27,700	-300	-1,000
Dairy Products	4,700	4,700	4,700	0	0
Bakery Products	10,100	10,100	9,800	0	300
Malt Beverages	2,900	3,000	3,100	-100	-200
Textile Mill Products	3,900	3,900	4,000	0	-100
Apparel & Other Finished Textile Products	54,900	54,300	52,100	600	2,800
Paper & Allied Products	25,500	25,500	23,700	0	1,800
Printing & Publishing	72,700	72,900	74,200	-200	-1,500
Newspaper, Periodicals, Books & Misc. Publ.	35,600	36,000	37,300	-400	-1,700
Chemicals & Allied Products	73,300	74,300	73,500	-1,000	-200
Petroleum & Coal Products	30,800	30,900	33,100	-100	-2,300
Petroleum Refining	27,500	27,600	29,800	-100	-2,300
Leather & Leather Products	7,900	7,900	7,000	0	900
Other Nondurable Goods	34,200	34,200	32,500	0	1,700
Total Nonmanufacturing	5,609,900	5,600,300	5,563,400	9,600	46,500
Mining	180,200	181,300	178,900	-1,100	1,300
Metal & Coal & Nonmet. Mnrls., Exc. Fuel	9,700	9,800	10,100	-100	-400
Oil & Gas Extraction	170,500	171,500	168,800	-1,000	1,700
Construction	321,400	319,500	347,200	1,900	-25,800
Transportation & Public Utilities	385,600	384,000	380,600	1,600	5,000
Railroad Transportation	20,900	20,900	21,600	0	-700
Transportation, Except Railroads	204,600	203,300	197,500	1,300	7,100
Transportation by Air	61,100	60,000	54,200	1,100	6,900
Communication, Exc. U. S. Postal Service	84,600	84,300	85,000	300	-400
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	75,500	75,500	76,500	0	-1,000
Electric Services	41,100	41,100	42,600	0	-1,500
Gas Production & Distribution	27,200	27,200	26,800	0	400
Wholesale & Retail Trade	1,637,500	1,633,200	1,635,000	4,300	2,500
Wholesale Trade	408,200	409,000	406,700	-800	1,500
Retail Trade	1,229,300	1,224,200	1,228,300	5,100	1,000
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	44,500	44,800	46,600	-300	-2,100
General Merchandise Stores	162,100	161,500	157,300	600	4,800
Food Stores	227,100	226,400	227,100	700	0
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	132,300	132,400	133,300	-100	-1,000
Apparel & Accessory Stores	77,600	77,400	83,000	200	-5,400
Eating & Drinking Places	403,500	399,400	398,200	4,100	5,300
Other Retail Trade	182,200	182,300	182,800	-100	-600
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	438,200	438,200	443,900	0	-5,700
Banking	98,100	98,000	98,900	100	-800
Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers	137,900	137,800	137,600	100	300
Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	202,200	202,400	207,400	-200	-5,200
Services	1,469,500	1,466,900	1,419,800	2,600	49,700
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	81,200	81,600	83,500	-400	-2,300
Personal Services	84,700	84,500	83,000	200	1,700
Business & Repair Services	405,800	404,900	389,900	900	15,900
Amusement, Including Motion Pictures	55,000	54,000	52,900	1,000	2,100
Health Services	397,800	397,000	380,100	800	17,700
Educational Services	80,000	80,000	75,500	0	4,500
Other Services & Miscellaneous	365,000	364,900	354,900	100	10,100
Total Government	1,177,500	1,177,200	1,158,000	300	19,500
Total Federal Government	190,700	191,500	193,700	-800	-3,000
Total State Government	244,400	243,300	234,800	1,100	9,600
Total Local Government	742,400	742,400	729,500	0	12,900

1/ Estimated number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas without reference to place of residence of workers. ±Estimates of TEC in cooperation with Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

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CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

	Apr.'88*	Mar.'88**	Apr.'87**	Apr.'88*	Mar.'88**	Apr.'87**	Apr.'88*	Mar.'88**	Apr.'87**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	54,100	53,700	53,500	99,600	98,200	97,400	428,400	425,000	425,800
Total Unemployment	3,400	4,100	4,500	5,400	6,400	5,900	24,100	29,100	25,800
Percent Unemployed	6.3	7.6	8.4	5.4	6.5	6.1	5.6	6.8	6.1
Total Employment 2/	50,700	49,600	49,000	94,200	91,800	91,500	404,300	395,900	400,000
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	159,500	157,600	160,800	81,800	80,400	79,100	97,400	97,000	93,500
Total Unemployment	16,500	18,300	20,300	6,600	7,500	7,300	12,800	14,600	13,000
Percent Unemployed	10.3	11.6	12.6	8.1	9.3	9.2	13.1	15.1	13.9
Total Employment 2/	143,000	139,300	140,500	75,200	72,900	71,800	84,600	82,400	80,500
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	57,600	56,500	56,200	161,800	160,100	160,200	1,449.5	1,433.8	1,423.2
Total Unemployment	2,400	2,800	3,200	15,200	17,200	18,900	80.7	90.8	87.8
Percent Unemployed	4.2	5.0	5.7	9.4	10.7	11.8	5.6	6.3	6.2
Total Employment 2/	55,200	53,700	53,000	146,600	142,900	141,300	1,368.8	1,343.0	1,335.4
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
Total Civilian Labor Force	235,800	233,800	226,000	674,700	667,900	663,500	107,200	105,800	107,700
Total Unemployment	23,600	27,000	23,100	41,000	46,900	45,400	9,500	10,900	10,500
Percent Unemployed	10.0	11.5	10.2	6.1	7.0	6.8	8.9	10.3	9.7
Total Employment 2/	212,200	206,800	202,900	633,700	621,000	618,100	97,700	94,900	97,200
	HOUSTON 3/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	1,590.4	1,577.1	1,571.9	94,100	93,000	90,700	46,100	46,700	45,100
Total Unemployment	106.9	123.4	141.9	6,900	7,800	6,700	6,300	8,100	7,000
Percent Unemployed	6.7	7.8	9.0	7.3	8.4	7.4	13.7	17.3	15.5
Total Employment 2/	1,483.5	1,453.7	1,430.0	87,200	85,200	84,000	39,800	38,600	38,100
	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
Total Civilian Labor Force	78,600	78,300	77,500	112,900	111,800	109,900	146,900	152,400	141,500
Total Unemployment	6,500	7,800	8,100	5,800	6,700	6,500	22,800	30,200	23,400
Percent Unemployed	8.3	10.0	10.5	5.1	6.0	5.9	15.5	19.8	16.5
Total Employment 2/	72,100	70,500	69,400	107,100	105,100	103,400	124,100	122,200	118,100
	MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	49,300	49,000	49,500	53,500	53,500	53,700	45,200	44,700	44,800
Total Unemployment	3,000	3,500	4,700	3,800	4,500	6,800	2,500	2,800	2,800
Percent Unemployed	6.1	7.1	9.5	7.1	8.4	12.7	5.5	6.3	6.3
Total Employment 2/	46,300	45,500	44,800	49,700	49,000	46,900	42,700	41,900	42,000.
	SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	620,000	613,700	596,100	49,700	49,400	48,200	58,000	58,300	56,500
Total Unemployment	43,800	50,500	44,300	3,000	3,700	3,600	4,400	4,900	4,800
Percent Unemployed	7.1	8.2	7.4	6.0	7.5	7.5	7.6	8.4	8.5
Total Employment 2/	576,200	563,200	551,800	46,700	45,700	44,600	53,600	53,400	51,700
	TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	76,100	75,800	75,800	36,500	36,300	36,300	93,200	92,300	90,900
Total Unemployment	5,300	6,200	6,400	2,400	2,800	3,200	6,300	7,400	6,900
Percent Unemployed	7.0	8.2	8.4	6.6	7.7	8.8	6.8	8.0	7.6
Total Employment 2/	70,800	69,600	69,400	34,100	33,500	33,100	86,900	84,900	84,000
	WICHITA FALLS						STATE OF TEXAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	57,500	57,200	56,700				8,235.0	8,167.1	8,099.9
Total Unemployment	3,400	4,300	4,300				577.0	674.1	671.3
Percent Unemployed	5.9	7.5	7.6				7.0	8.3	8.3
Total Employment 2/	54,100	52,900	52,400				7,658.0	7,493.0	7,428.6

1/ All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted).

2/ Includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes.

3/ In Thousands.

*Preliminary -- subject to revision. **Revised.

HOURS AND EARNINGS IN TEXAS*

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Apr.± 1988	Mar. 1988	Apr. 1987	Apr.± 1988	Mar. 1988	Apr. 1987	Apr.± 1988	Mar. 1988	Apr. 1987
FOR TEXAS									
MANUFACTURING TOTAL	$ 416.07	$ 412.83	$ 403.27	41.9	41.7	40.9	$ 9.93	$ 9.90	$ 9.86
Durable Goods	413.56	410.76	394.28	42.2	42.0	40.9	9.80	9.78	9.64
Lumber & Wood Products	293.57	290.92	274.31	41.7	41.5	39.3	7.04	7.01	6.98
Furniture & Fixtures	253.13	250.49	239.65	39.8	39.2	37.8	6.36	6.39	6.34
Stone, Clay & Glass Prods.	399.71	395.04	397.49	43.4	42.8	43.3	9.21	9.23	9.18
Primary Metal Industries	453.28	445.05	419.29	41.7	41.4	40.2	10.87	10.75	10.43
Fabricated Metal Products	382.24	380.84	366.20	42.9	42.6	41.1	8.91	8.94	8.91
Machinery, exc. Electric	434.17	426.62	413.83	43.9	43.4	41.3	9.89	9.83	10.02
Oil Field Machinery	505.82	509.10	500.07	45.9	45.7	42.2	11.02	11.14	11.85
Electric & Electronic Equip.	434.11	427.92	428.22	40.8	40.6	40.9	10.64	10.54	10.47
Transportation Equipment	562.36	559.29	512.86	43.9	43.9	41.9	12.81	12.74	12.24
Instruments & Related Prod.	355.29	348.10	340.28	40.1	39.2	38.8	8.86	8.88	8.77
Misc. Manufacturing Inds.	226.45	249.57	259.76	33.9	35.5	38.2	6.68	7.03	6.80
Nondurable Goods	417.73	415.48	413.91	41.4	41.3	40.9	10.09	10.06	10.12
Food & Kindred Products	349.84	342.72	336.84	42.2	42.0	40.1	8.29	8.16	8.40
Meat Products	258.88	251.34	254.69	42.3	42.1	37.9	6.12	5.97	6.72
Malt Beverages	839.45	878.20	814.22	46.2	48.6	46.5	18.17	18.07	17.51
Textile Mill Products	342.06	330.86	319.76	46.1	45.2	45.1	7.42	7.32	7.09
Apparel & Other Text. Prods.	191.50	199.28	187.62	36.2	36.7	35.2	5.29	5.43	5.33
Paper & Allied Products	475.08	480.60	462.46	44.4	44.5	43.1	10.70	10.80	10.73
Printing & Publishing	396.98	395.40	384.91	39.5	39.5	39.6	10.05	10.01	9.72
Chemicals & Allied Products	665.46	653.80	662.82	43.1	42.9	44.1	15.44	15.24	15.03
Petroleum & Coal Products	675.80	682.16	678.48	43.6	43.7	44.0	15.50	15.61	15.42
Petroleum Refining	700.35	709.56	704.37	43.5	43.8	44.3	16.10	16.20	15.90
Leather & Leather Products	214.40	218.68	212.63	38.7	38.5	37.5	5.54	5.68	5.57
Other Nondurable Goods	394.26	381.06	400.92	44.6	43.7	45.2	8.84	8.72	8.87
NONMANUFACTURING									
Mining	503.03	472.42	478.74	41.3	39.5	40.4	12.18	11.96	11.85
Met/Coal/Nonmet Mnrls. exc. Fuel	567.13	562.08	533.57	47.3	46.3	45.8	11.99	12.14	11.65
Oil & Gas Extraction	498.57	467.25	474.40	40.9	39.1	40.0	12.19	11.95	11.86
Commun., exc. U. S. Postal Service	487.95	487.65	473.46	39.8	39.2	39.0	12.26	12.44	12.14
Elec., Gas & San. Services	479.04	459.42	445.50	40.7	39.2	39.6	11.77	11.72	11.25
Wholesale & Retail Trade	231.46	227.65	227.45	32.6	32.2	32.4	7.10	7.07	7.02
Wholesale Trade	398.56	387.77	378.11	39.5	38.7	38.9	10.09	10.02	9.72
Retail Trade	180.56	178.48	181.49	30.5	30.2	30.4	5.92	5.91	5.97
General Merchandise Stores	175.51	174.22	190.61	28.4	28.1	29.1	6.18	6.20	6.55
Banking	272.97	250.28	262.30	38.5	35.5	37.1	7.09	7.05	7.07

HOURS AND EARNINGS FOR SELECTED TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

DALLAS									
Manufacturing	$ 400.61	$ 397.29	$ 399.90	41.3	41.0	41.1	$ 9.70	$ 9.69	$ 9.73
Durable Goods	423.26	420.40	425.18	41.7	41.5	41.2	10.15	10.13	10.32
Nondurable Goods	365.49	360.28	359.51	40.7	40.3	40.9	8.98	8.94	8.79
FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON									
Manufacturing	459.54	456.35	393.09	41.4	41.6	40.4	11.10	10.97	9.73
Durable Goods	484.55	482.89	407.23	41.7	42.1	40.4	11.62	11.47	10.08
Nondurable Goods	376.40	370.93	356.73	40.3	40.1	40.4	9.34	9.25	8.83
HOUSTON									
Manufacturing	497.20	490.50	488.42	44.0	43.6	43.3	11.30	11.25	11.28
Durable Goods	420.02	413.47	411.74	44.4	43.8	42.8	9.46	9.44	9.62
Nondurable Goods	585.98	579.39	572.90	43.6	43.4	43.9	13.44	13.35	13.05
SAN ANTONIO									
Manufacturing	308.86	302.44	312.17	40.8	39.9	40.7	7.57	7.58	7.67
Durable Goods	334.15	326.38	335.29	40.9	39.9	39.4	8.17	8.18	8.51
Nondurable Goods	283.68	277.80	290.37	40.7	39.8	41.9	6.97	6.98	6.93

*Figures for Texas and selected areas cover Production Workers in Manufacturing and Mining Industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings' averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift work. ±Preliminary -- subject to revision upon receipt of additional reports.

SOURCE: Texas Employment Commission in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

Continued improvement in transportation by air provided the primary impetus for the 1,600 jobs created in transportation and public utilities in April. The only other advance within this sector was a gain of 300 jobs in communication.

Offsetting gains and losses left government employment up by only 300 positions in April. A gain of 1,100 within state government was mostly nullified by the loss of 800 positions in federal government, while local government was unchanged over the month. Mining reported its largest drop in employment thus far this year with the loss of 1,100 jobs. This was also the only downturn in a major nonmanufacturing category in April.

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Manufacturing declined by 900 over the month, as sizeable temporary seasonal layoffs in some sectors of nondurable goods more than offset fairly widespread but minor increases within durable goods. The gains in durable goods totaled 1,500, with the largest advance in lumber and wood products which rose by 500 in April. Smaller increases were recorded in nonelectrical machinery, where oil field machinery provided most of the 400 jobs gained, and in fabricated metal industries, which increased by 300 positions. The only decline in durable goods was a minor loss in transportation equipment.

A seasonal layoff in the preserved fruits and vegetables sector of food and kindred products produced a decline of 1,700 jobs in April -- the largest downturn in nondurable goods, which lost a total of 2,400 positions over the month. The second-largest decrease occurred in chemicals and allied products, where a manufacturer of fertilizer temporarily laid off approximately 1,000 workers. Smaller declines were reported in printing and publishing and in petroleum and coal products. Apparel and other finished textile products provided the only increase in nondurable goods, with 600 additional jobs in April.

HOURS AND EARNINGS RISE MODERATELY

The number of manufacturing production workers in Texas rose by 400 over the month, to a total of 607,500 in mid-April. Over the past year, however, the number of production workers had risen by 16,400. The average worker in April was making $9.93 per hour for a 41.9-hour work week. Weekly earnings averaged $416.07, up $3.24 from the March estimate.

Compared to a year earlier, average weekly hours had risen by a full hour and average hourly earnings were up 7¢, pushing average weekly earnings up by $12.80 -- a fairly sizeable increase.

TEC ACTIVITIES

	Apr. 1988	Apr. 1987
Total Population	16,864,000	16,764,000*
% UI Covered Unemployment	2.0	2.8
UI Covered Employers	312,440	315,327
Total Claims Actions	534,309	799,227
Total Initial Claims Actions	56,591	76,900
Total Cont'd. Claims Actions	477,718	722,327
Avg. Weekly Benefit Amount	153.45	157.51
Total Amount Paid (Net)**	63,028,704	102,386,215
Total Placements	30,976	28,085

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Labor Market Review

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JOBLESS RATE RISES SEASONALLY

Unemployment in the actual series increased moderately Statewide between April and May. The actual unemployment rate rose from 7.0 percent in April to 7.3 percent in May, as an additional 27,600 Texans were unemployed in mid-May, bringing the total to 604,600. Much of the increase over the month was due to the first of the summer jobseekers entering the labor force early in May. Most of those who began seeking work this month were re-entrants (persons who had participated in the labor force at some previous time). Total employment rose by just over 70,000 in May, to a level of 7,729,200.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES
(In Thousands)

	May 1988	Apr. 1988	May 1987
United States (Actual)			
Labor Force	120,775.0	120,264.0	119,695.0
Unemployment	6,553.0	6,359.0	7,318.0
Percent Unemployed	5.4	5.3	6.1
Total Employment	114,222.0	113,905.0	112,377.0
United States (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	120,978.0	121,323.0	119,907.0
Unemployment	6,783.0	6,610.0	7,573.0
Percent Unemployed	5.6	5.4	6.3
Total Employment	114,195.0	114,713.0	112,334.0
State of Texas (Actual)			
Labor Force	8,333.8	8,235.0	8,337.1
Unemployment	604.6	577.0	717.5
Percent Unemployed	7.3	7.0	8.6
Total Employment	7,729.2	7,658.0	7,619.6
State of Texas (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	8,372.0	8,334.0	8,376.0
Unemployment	602.0	623.0	718.0
Percent Unemployed	7.2	7.5	8.6
Total Employment	7,770.0	7,711.0	7,658.0

The current rate of 7.3 percent in the actual series was considerably lower than the May 1987 rate of 8.6 percent -- evidence that the State's economy is improving somewhat. In the seasonally adjusted series, the unemployment rate dropped slightly over the month, from 7.5 percent in April to 7.2 percent in May. The May seasonally adjusted rate was also well below the year-ago rate of 8.6 percent. The National rates in both series were basically unchanged over the month. The actual rate inched up from 5.3 percent in April to 5.4 percent in May, while the seasonally adjusted rate moved from 5.4 percent to 5.6 percent between April and May.

SEASONAL INCREASES PUSH NONFARM SALARIED EMPLOYMENT UPWARD

Total nonagricultural wage and salary employment rose by 21,100 between April and May, with the bulk of the gains in trade and services. These two sectors provided over three-fourths of the over-the-month growth. An estimated 77,000 nonfarm salaried jobs had been added during the past year, with two-thirds of that increase concentrated in service industries.

Wholesale and retail trade began showing more strength, as the majority of its sectors recorded at least modest growth. A total of 10,900 jobs in trade were added over the month. Even the wholesale portion, which has been lagging since the oil

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	May '88*	Apr.'88**	May '87**	May '88*	Apr.'88**	May '87**	May '88*	Apr.'88**	May '87**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
TOTAL	49,300	49,300	48,400	78,600	78,200	77,200	352,000	352,300	357,300
Manufacturing	4,700	4,600	4,500	10,000	10,000	9,800	39,100	39,200	39,400
Mining	2,100	2,100	2,100	1,200	1,200	1,400	700	700	800
Construction	2,000	2,000	2,000	3,700	3,600	3,400	15,000	15,200	17,000
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,400	2,400	2,400	5,900	5,900	5,700	10,900	10,800	10,800
Trade	13,600	13,600	13,400	22,700	22,500	22,100	77,500	77,500	79,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,600	2,600	2,600	4,400	4,400	4,500	24,900	24,900	25,300
Services & Misc.	13,000	13,100	13,100	16,400	16,300	16,200	83,800	83,700	84,800
Government	8,900	8,900	8,300	14,300	14,300	14,100	100,100	100,300	100,100
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
TOTAL	129,800	127,300	128,200	58,400	58,400	57,000	67,200	67,000	65,700
Manufacturing	25,500	24,100	24,800	15,700	15,600	15,200	10,400	10,300	9,700
Mining	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,800	1,800	1,800	--	--	--
Construction	7,800	7,600	7,300	6,400	6,500	5,900	2,200	2,100	2,300
Trans., Comm., & Util.	9,600	9,400	9,600	2,300	2,300	2,300	3,100	3,100	3,100
Trade	31,600	31,000	31,800	11,000	11,000	11,100	17,400	17,400	17,500
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,300	5,300	5,300	2,000	2,000	2,000	3,500	3,500	3,500
Services & Misc.	28,100	28,000	27,800	8,100	8,100	7,700	13,900	14,000	13,300
Government	20,400	20,400	20,100	11,100	11,100	11,000	16,700	16,600	16,300
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS 2/		
TOTAL	48,200	48,300	47,300	125,100	125,000	123,700	1,333.8	1,326.4	1,329.6
Manufacturing	3,100	3,200	3,000	11,100	11,200	11,300	222.0	220.7	221.5
Mining	600	600	600	3,900	3,800	4,300	18.2	18.2	18.7
Construction	2,200	2,200	1,900	6,300	6,300	6,900	51.9	52.1	63.9
Trans., Comm., & Util.	1,700	1,500	1,500	6,900	6,900	6,900	91.6	91.0	89.3
Trade	9,600	9,600	9,900	32,400	32,300	31,800	348.4	345.7	344.9
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,700	1,700	1,800	6,900	7,000	6,900	128.7	128.5	133.5
Services & Misc.	8,700	8,500	8,200	29,400	29,400	28,000	321.7	318.9	307.9
Government	20,600	21,000	20,400	28,200	28,100	27,600	151.3	151.3	149.9
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
TOTAL	188,500	188,400	185,400	514,500	514,600	515,800	70,800	70,200	72,700
Manufacturing	37,100	37,600	35,900	117,400	117,200	113,900	8,500	8,500	8,700
Mining	--	--	--	3,600	3,600	3,600	600	600	600
Construction	9,400	9,300	9,600	20,000	20,400	25,100	2,900	2,900	4,500
Trans., Comm., & Util.	10,600	10,600	10,200	30,900	30,900	29,600	4,500	4,500	5,800
Trade	46,700	46,700	46,000	132,900	133,200	137,800	14,600	14,400	14,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	9,600	9,500	9,500	26,800	26,900	28,000	4,200	4,100	4,200
Services & Misc.	35,800	35,500	34,600	114,300	113,600	111,300	14,800	14,500	13,800
Government	39,300	39,200	39,600	68,600	68,800	66,500	20,700	20,700	21,000

and gas downturn, created 1,500 positions in May -- some of them in the wholesaling of oil well equipment. The largest increase by far within retail trade was in eating and drinking places, which gained 7,200 jobs. General merchandise stores continued its moderate upward trend, with 1,500 additions in May.

Services gained 6,700 jobs over the month, despite a seasonal loss of 4,500 in the educational sector. Widespread increases throughout health services generated the biggest advance, with a gain of 4,000. Computer and data processing services provided a large portion of the sizeable growth within business and repair services from April to May.

Transportation and public utilities rose by 1,100, with transportation, except railroads, providing the largest portion of the growth. Most of this increase was due to gains in trucking and warehousing and in water transportation. Other sectors within this group showed little activity over the month. A minor gain in banking was the largest upturn recorded in finance, insurance and real estate; and the increase in this sector was mostly nullified by a loss in the other finance, insurance and real estate segment.

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Industry	May '88*	Apr.'88**	May '87**	May '88*	Apr.'88**	May '87**	May '88*	Apr.'88**	May '87**
	HOUSTON 2/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO		
TOTAL	1,404.2	1,399.0	1,376.7	70,600	70,400	69,900	36,500	36,100	35,400
Manufacturing	150.0	150.2	143.6	8,000	8,000	8,100	1,500	1,500	1,800
Mining	63.3	63.5	61.2	100	100	100	1,900	1,900	1,900
Construction	81.7	81.2	83.8	3,500	3,500	3,700	1,300	1,300	1,300
Trans., Comm., & Util.	99.0	99.0	96.7	2,700	2,700	2,700	4,900	4,800	4,400
Trade	353.4	351.1	346.7	16,300	16,200	16,000	10,500	10,300	10,300
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	96.9	97.1	102.4	2,900	3,000	3,000	1,600	1,700	1,600
Services & Misc.	369.8	367.2	355.4	15,600	15,400	15,200	6,100	6,000	5,800
Government	190.1	189.7	186.9	21,500	21,500	21,100	8,700	8,600	8,300
	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
TOTAL	65,700	65,700	64,000	92,300	91,900	91,300	89,700	89,500	87,900
Manufacturing	15,900	15,700	15,400	7,300	7,300	7,300	12,000	11,600	11,800
Mining	3,500	3,500	3,500	400	400	400	900	900	800
Construction	3,400	3,400	3,000	3,300	3,300	3,400	4,100	4,000	3,900
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,100	3,200	3,200	5,000	5,000	4,900	2,700	2,700	2,900
Trade	16,800	16,700	16,400	27,700	27,400	26,700	26,600	26,700	26,700
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,700	2,700	2,900	5,400	5,500	5,500	3,800	3,700	3,600
Services & Misc.	11,800	12,000	11,200	21,900	21,700	21,400	14,300	14,600	14,200
Government	8,500	8,500	8,400	21,300	21,300	21,700	25,300	25,300	24,000
	MIDLAND			ODESSA 3/			SAN ANGELO		
TOTAL	44,700	44,500	43,300	43,400	43,300	41,700	36,300	36,500	36,300
Manufacturing	2,800	2,800	2,900	3,800	3,700	3,700	5,500	5,600	5,600
Mining	9,800	9,900	9,600	6,000	6,100	5,700	400	400	400
Construction	1,200	1,100	1,200	2,000	2,000	1,900	1,600	1,600	1,600
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,200	2,200	2,100	2,200	2,200	2,100	3,100	3,100	3,100
Trade	10,200	10,100	10,000	12,600	12,500	12,100	9,400	9,400	9,600
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,500	2,500	2,600	1,700	1,700	1,600	1,800	1,800	1,800
Services & Misc.	8,800	8,700	8,500	7,300	7,300	7,000	7,700	7,800	7,700
Government	7,200	7,200	6,400	7,800	7,800	7,600	6,800	6,800	6,500
	SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
TOTAL	510,500	511,100	502,900	38,300	38,100	37,400	44,900	45,100	45,100
Manufacturing	47,000	47,100	46,700	11,300	11,100	10,900	7,000	7,200	7,300
Mining	2,600	2,700	2,600	100	100	100	100	100	100
Construction	27,000	27,200	29,400	1,600	1,700	1,700	1,900	2,000	1,800
Trans., Comm., & Util.	18,000	18,000	18,100	2,100	2,000	2,000	1,700	1,700	1,800
Trade	132,100	132,200	130,100	8,400	8,400	8,400	10,700	10,600	10,300
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	40,300	40,200	39,900	1,700	1,700	1,700	1,800	1,900	1,900
Services & Misc.	126,000	126,200	120,000	8,800	8,800	8,200	9,600	9,500	9,300
Government	117,500	117,500	116,100	4,300	4,300	4,400	12,100	12,100	12,600
	TYLER 3/			VICTORIA 3/			WACO		
TOTAL	61,700	61,300	61,900	27,800	27,500	27,100	78,500	78,700	77,600
Manufacturing	10,600	10,600	10,800	3,100	2,900	2,800	15,000	14,800	14,800
Mining	2,000	1,900	1,900	1,500	1,500	1,500	100	100	100
Construction	2,300	2,300	2,500	1,800	1,800	1,800	3,700	3,700	3,500
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,700	2,700	2,900	1,500	1,500	1,500	3,300	3,300	3,200
Trade	16,500	16,500	16,600	7,800	7,800	7,800	19,100	19,100	19,000
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,600	3,600	3,600	1,600	1,600	1,500	4,700	4,700	4,800
Services & Misc.	14,800	14,500	14,400	5,900	5,800	5,600	20,200	20,500	19,700
Government	9,200	9,200	9,200	4,600	4,600	4,600	12,400	12,500	12,500
	WICHITA FALLS								
TOTAL	50,600	50,500	50,000						
Manufacturing	8,100	8,100	8,400						
Mining	2,000	1,900	1,900						
Construction	2,000	2,000	1,700						
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,600	2,600	2,600						
Trade	12,200	12,100	12,100						
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,300	2,300	2,300						
Services & Misc.	11,500	11,600	11,500						
Government	9,900	9,900	9,500						

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1/ Estimates prepared by TEC in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor, with specified exceptions.

2/ In Thousands.

3/ Estimates prepared under the auspices of the Texas Employment Commission.

TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY ESTIMATES 1/

Industry	May 1988*	Apr. 1988**	May 1987**	Change From Apr. 1988	Change From May 1987
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT±	6,574,000	6,552,900	6,497,000	21,100	77,000
Manufacturing	942,800	938,500	920,200	4,300	22,600
Durable Goods	543,600	541,300	525,400	2,300	18,200
Lumber & Wood Products	33,800	33,500	34,800	300	-1,000
Logging Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills	6,400	6,400	6,900	0	-500
Furniture & Fixtures	16,300	16,600	16,000	-300	300
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	42,900	42,700	43,600	200	-700
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Products	18,300	18,100	19,500	200	-1,200
Primary Metal Industries	28,600	28,300	26,700	300	1,900
Fabricated Metal Industries	75,100	74,200	71,000	900	4,100
Fabricated Structural Metal Products	35,600	35,100	35,000	500	600
Machinery, Except Electrical	101,900	101,500	97,100	400	4,800
Oil Field Machinery	22,900	22,800	21,000	100	1,900
Electric & Electronic Equipment	116,700	116,800	114,900	-100	1,800
Transportation Equipment	93,200	92,600	87,000	600	6,200
Aircraft & Parts	53,600	53,400	50,900	200	2,700
Instruments & Related Products	21,700	21,700	21,500	0	200
Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries	13,400	13,400	12,800	0	600
Nondurable Goods	399,200	397,200	394,800	2,000	4,400
Food & Kindred Products	95,400	94,200	94,600	1,200	800
Meat Products	28,100	28,100	27,900	0	200
Dairy Products	4,600	4,700	4,700	-100	-100
Bakery Products	10,200	10,000	9,800	200	400
Malt Beverages	3,000	3,000	3,100	0	-100
Textile Mill Products	4,000	3,900	4,000	100	0
Apparel & Other Finished Textile Products	54,700	54,900	52,500	-200	2,200
Paper & Allied Products	25,600	25,500	23,800	100	1,800
Printing & Publishing	72,500	72,800	73,400	-300	-900
Newspaper, Periodicals, Books & Misc. Publ.	35,400	35,600	36,600	-200	-1,200
Chemicals & Allied Products	73,500	73,300	73,800	200	-300
Petroleum & Coal Products	31,800	30,800	33,000	1,000	-1,200
Petroleum Refining	28,600	27,500	29,700	1,100	-1,100
Leather & Leather Products	8,000	7,900	7,100	100	900
Other Nondurable Goods	33,700	33,900	32,600	-200	1,100
Total Nonmanufacturing	5,631,200	5,614,400	5,576,800	16,800	54,400
Mining	179,300	180,100	179,700	-800	-400
Metal & Coal & Nonmet. Mnrls., Exc. Fuel	9,700	9,700	10,100	0	-400
Oil & Gas Extraction	169,600	170,400	169,600	-800	0
Construction	320,300	321,300	345,200	-1,000	-24,900
Transportation & Public Utilities	386,900	385,800	381,900	1,100	5,000
Railroad Transportation	21,000	21,000	21,600	0	-600
Transportation, Except Railroads	205,900	205,100	199,600	800	6,300
Transportation by Air	60,700	60,900	54,900	-200	5,800
Communication, Exc. U. S. Postal Service	84,500	84,300	84,700	200	-200
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	75,500	75,400	76,000	100	-500
Electric Services	41,100	41,100	42,100	0	-1,000
Gas Production & Distribution	27,300	27,200	26,800	100	500
Wholesale & Retail Trade	1,651,600	1,640,700	1,639,900	10,900	11,700
Wholesale Trade	408,900	407,400	406,500	1,500	2,400
Retail Trade	1,242,700	1,233,300	1,233,400	9,400	9,300
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	44,800	44,400	46,900	400	-2,100
General Merchandise Stores	164,600	163,100	159,400	1,500	5,200
Food Stores	226,700	226,700	228,200	0	-1,500
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	133,400	132,900	134,000	500	-600
Apparel & Accessory Stores	77,400	77,600	81,900	-200	-4,500
Eating & Drinking Places	413,000	405,800	400,900	7,200	12,100
Other Retail Trade	182,800	182,800	182,100	0	700
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	438,600	438,500	444,700	100	-6,100
Banking	98,500	98,100	98,500	400	0
Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers	138,200	138,000	138,300	200	-100
Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	201,900	202,400	207,900	-500	-6,000
Services	1,477,700	1,471,000	1,426,100	6,700	51,600
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	80,900	81,100	83,800	-200	-2,900
Personal Services	84,600	84,800	82,800	-200	1,800
Business & Repair Services	410,900	407,300	392,200	3,600	18,700
Amusement, Including Motion Pictures	58,100	56,300	55,400	1,800	2,700
Health Services	401,400	397,400	382,200	4,000	19,200
Educational Services	74,800	79,300	72,300	-4,500	2,500
Other Services & Miscellaneous	367,000	364,800	357,400	2,200	9,600
Total Government	1,176,800	1,177,000	1,159,300	-200	17,500
Total Federal Government	190,500	190,900	195,600	-400	-5,100
Total State Government	242,700	243,700	235,400	-1,000	7,300
Total Local Government	743,600	742,400	728,300	1,200	15,300

1/ Estimated number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas without reference to place of residence of workers. ±Estimates of TEC in cooperation with Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.
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CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

	May '88*	Apr.'88**	May '87**	May '88*	Apr.'88**	May '87**	May '89*	Apr.'88**	May '87**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	54,400	53,900	54,900	101,200	99,500	100,600	432,600	428,200	436,900
Total Unemployment	3,600	3,300	4,900	5,800	5,400	6,500	26,600	24,000	29,000
Percent Unemployed	6.6	6.1	8.9	5.7	5.4	6.5	6.1	5.6	6.6
Total Employment 2/	50,800	50,600	50,000	95,400	94,100	94,100	406,000	404,200	407,900
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	161,500	159,200	164,600	82,700	81,900	81,500	98,000	97,200	97,000
Total Unemployment	16,900	16,400	21,600	6,800	6,600	7,800	12,700	12,800	13,800
Percent Unemployed	10.5	10.3	13.1	8.2	8.1	9.6	13.0	13.2	14.2
Total Employment 2/	144,600	142,800	143,000	75,900	75,300	73,700	85,300	84,400	83,200
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	57,400	57,500	57,700	163,300	161,900	164,700	1,466.5	1,448.2	1,459.3
Total Unemployment	2,600	2,400	3,500	16,200	15,300	20,300	84.7	80.6	92.4
Percent Unemployed	4.5	4.2	6.1	9.9	9.5	12.3	5.8	5.6	6.3
Total Employment 2/	54,800	55,100	54,200	147,100	146,600	144,400	1,381.8	1,367.6	1,366.9
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
Total Civilian Labor Force	238,000	235,700	232,800	682,000	675,800	681,700	108,800	107,100	113,200
Total Unemployment	24,500	23,700	25,300	43,600	41,000	46,800	9,800	9,500	11,900
Percent Unemployed	10.3	10.1	10.9	6.4	6.1	6.9	9.0	8.9	10.5
Total Employment 2/	213,500	212,000	207,500	638,400	634,800	634,900	99,000	97,600	101,300
	HOUSTON 3/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	1,608.9	1,586.8	1,620.1	95,500	93,900	93,900	46,100	46,000	45,800
Total Unemployment	113.8	106.7	153.8	7,200	6,800	7,400	5,900	6,300	7,000
Percent Unemployed	7.1	6.7	9.5	7.5	7.2	7.9	12.8	13.7	15.3
Total Employment 2/	1,495.1	1,480.1	1,466.3	88,300	87,100	86,500	40,200	39,700	38,800
	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
Total Civilian Labor Force	79,200	78,400	79,800	114,300	112,800	113,300	148,500	146,700	145,900
Total Unemployment	6,800	6,500	8,700	6,200	5,700	7,200	22,400	23,000	23,500
Percent Unemployed	8.6	8.3	10.8	5.4	5.1	6.4	15.1	15.7	16.1
Total Employment 2/	72,400	71,900	71,100	108,100	107,100	106,100	126,100	123,700	122,400
	MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	49,700	49,200	51,000	54,100	53,400	55,000	45,800	45,100	46,000
Total Unemployment	3,000	3,000	5,000	4,100	3,800	6,900	2,800	2,500	3,100
Percent Unemployed	6.0	6.1	9.8	7.6	7.1	12.5	6.1	5.5	6.7
Total Employment 2/	46,700	46,200	46,000	50,000	49,600	48,100	43,000	42,600	42,900
	SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	628,400	619,400	614,400	50,400	49,600	49,700	58,700	58,200	57,700
Total Unemployment	49,200	43,800	48,900	3,100	3,000	4,100	4,900	4,400	4,600
Percent Unemployed	7.8	7.1	8.0	6.2	6.0	8.2	8.3	7.6	8.0
Total Employment 2/	579,200	575,600	565,500	47,300	46,600	45,600	53,800	53,800	53,100
	TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	76,600	76,000	78,200	36,900	36,300	37,600	93,600	93,100	93,300
Total Unemployment	5,700	5,300	7,000	2,600	2,400	3,600	6,600	6,300	7,400
Percent Unemployed	7.4	7.0	9.0	7.0	6.6	9.6	7.1	6.8	7.9
Total Employment 2/	70,900	70,700	71,200	34,300	33,900	34,000	87,000	86,800	85,900
	WICHITA FALLS						STATE OF TEXAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	58,300	57,600	58,300				8,333.8	8,235.0	8,337.1
Total Unemployment	3,600	3,300	4,700				604.6	577.0	717.5
Percent Unemployed	6.2	5.7	8.1				7.3	7.0	8.6
Total Employment 2/	54,700	54,300	53,600				7,729.2	7,658.0	7,619.6

1/ All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted).

2/ Includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes.

3/ In Thousands.

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HOURS AND EARNINGS IN TEXAS*

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	May± 1988	Apr. 1988	May 1987	May± 1988	Apr. 1988	May 1987	May± 1988	Apr. 1988	May 1987
FOR TEXAS									
MANUFACTURING TOTAL	$ 409.94	$ 415.91	$ 407.53	41.2	41.8	41.5	$ 9.95	$ 9.95	$ 9.82
Durable Goods	411.46	415.39	399.78	41.9	42.3	41.6	9.82	9.82	9.61
Lumber & Wood Products	286.94	293.99	287.12	40.7	41.7	40.9	7.05	7.05	7.02
Furniture & Fixtures	254.80	255.60	256.63	39.2	40.0	39.3	6.50	6.39	6.53
Stone, Clay & Glass Prods.	395.04	399.17	394.74	42.8	43.2	43.0	9.23	9.24	9.18
Primary Metal Industries	449.40	455.28	438.06	42.0	42.0	42.0	10.70	10.84	10.43
Fabricated Metal Products	379.57	387.10	374.64	42.6	43.3	42.0	8.91	8.94	8.92
Machinery, exc. Electric	425.83	432.31	419.32	43.1	43.8	42.1	9.88	9.87	9.96
Oil Field Machinery	511.52	510.97	507.60	46.0	46.2	43.2	11.12	11.06	11.75
Electric & Electronic Equip.	433.86	433.05	420.16	40.7	40.7	40.4	10.66	10.64	10.40
Transportation Equipment	559.39	562.83	523.38	43.6	43.8	42.9	12.83	12.85	12.20
Instruments & Related Prod.	356.40	355.69	355.78	40.0	40.1	40.8	8.91	8.87	8.72
Misc. Manufacturing Inds.	231.15	229.50	261.03	34.5	33.8	38.5	6.70	6.79	6.78
Nondurable Goods	407.43	415.93	415.48	40.3	41.1	41.3	10.11	10.12	10.06
Food & Kindred Products	333.74	344.86	342.10	40.7	41.4	40.2	8.20	8.33	8.51
Meat Products	251.14	256.82	252.38	39.8	40.7	37.5	6.31	6.31	6.73
Malt Beverages	812.49	860.88	947.63	45.8	47.8	52.5	17.74	18.01	18.05
Textile Mill Products	323.10	338.92	320.40	44.2	45.8	45.0	7.31	7.40	7.12
Apparel & Other Text. Prods.	183.74	191.30	198.97	34.8	36.3	37.4	5.28	5.27	5.32
Paper & Allied Products	484.16	478.19	457.52	44.5	44.4	43.0	10.88	10.77	10.64
Printing & Publishing	385.77	397.77	381.79	38.5	39.5	39.4	10.02	10.07	9.69
Chemicals & Allied Products	645.50	661.26	666.35	42.3	42.8	44.1	15.26	15.45	15.11
Petroleum & Coal Products	650.71	679.29	652.97	41.9	43.6	43.1	15.53	15.58	15.15
Petroleum Refining	668.15	704.58	674.95	41.5	43.6	43.1	16.10	16.16	15.66
Leather & Leather Products	223.87	220.00	218.94	38.4	38.8	41.0	5.83	5.67	5.34
Other Nondurable Goods	395.54	391.17	400.71	43.9	44.3	45.9	9.01	8.83	8.73
NONMANUFACTURING									
Mining	483.17	503.45	474.35	39.8	41.3	39.3	12.14	12.19	12.07
Met/Coal/Nonmet Mnrls. exc. Fuel	573.28	572.12	562.46	47.3	47.4	46.6	12.12	12.07	12.07
Oil & Gas Extraction	475.89	497.76	468.32	39.2	40.8	38.8	12.14	12.20	12.07
Commun., exc. U. S. Postal Service	489.06	485.23	477.85	39.0	39.1	39.2	12.54	12.41	12.19
Elec., Gas & San. Services	466.24	478.27	454.90	38.5	40.6	40.4	12.11	11.78	11.26
Wholesale & Retail Trade	229.07	230.75	227.45	32.4	32.5	32.4	7.07	7.10	7.02
Wholesale Trade	391.88	398.33	382.01	38.8	39.4	39.1	10.10	10.11	9.77
Retail Trade	179.36	179.66	179.98	30.4	30.4	30.3	5.90	5.91	5.94
General Merchandise Stores	175.36	174.09	189.95	28.7	28.4	29.0	6.11	6.13	6.55
Banking	258.47	269.37	266.58	36.2	38.1	37.6	7.14	7.07	7.09

HOURS AND EARNINGS
FOR SELECTED
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

DALLAS									
Manufacturing	$ 399.08	$ 402.41	$ 399.23	41.1	41.4	41.2	$ 9.71	$ 9.72	$ 9.69
Durable Goods	419.83	425.70	425.38	41.2	41.9	41.5	10.19	10.16	10.25
Nondurable Goods	366.06	365.89	358.63	40.9	40.7	40.8	8.95	8.99	8.79
FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON									
Manufacturing	439.11	436.58	405.00	41.9	41.5	41.2	10.48	10.52	9.83
Durable Goods	465.00	461.00	420.24	42.7	42.1	41.2	10.89	10.95	10.20
Nondurable Goods	373.07	374.53	364.97	39.9	40.1	41.1	9.35	9.34	8.88
HOUSTON									
Manufacturing	488.76	495.24	488.57	43.6	44.1	43.7	11.21	11.23	11.18
Durable Goods	416.47	422.86	414.47	44.4	44.7	43.4	9.38	9.46	9.55
Nondurable Goods	569.50	578.12	568.07	42.5	43.5	43.9	13.40	13.29	12.94
SAN ANTONIO									
Manufacturing	309.96	314.00	306.64	41.0	41.1	40.4	7.56	7.64	7.59
Durable Goods	337.79	341.12	328.89	41.6	41.6	39.2	8.12	8.20	8.39
Nondurable Goods	282.40	287.45	285.52	40.4	40.6	41.5	6.99	7.08	6.88

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*Figures for Texas and selected areas cover Production Workers in Manufacturing and Mining Industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings' averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift work. ±Preliminary -- subject to revision upon receipt of additional reports.

SOURCE: Texas Employment Commission in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

Following a sizeable seasonal increase in April, construction once again declined by 1,000 in May. Most of the decrease was concentrated among general building contractors, which has lost close to 7,500 jobs since the beginning of the year.

Mining continued its downturn in May, losing an additional 800 jobs. This sector has now cut 33,000 jobs since January 1988, an indication that the oil and gas business is still fairly volatile due to uncertainty about the Mid-East.

Layoffs of workers as the semester ended at state universities and colleges caused state government to decline by 1,000 over the month. Local government gained an almost equal amount while federal government declined slightly, leaving total government down 200 jobs in May.

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Manufacturing had its strongest employment month so far in 1988, adding 4,300 jobs in May. For a change, both durable and nondurable goods recorded sizeable increases over the month. Durable goods advanced by 2,300 in May, as almost every sector showed at least a small improvement. The largest of these gains were in fabricated metal industries, which added 900 jobs, and in transportation equipment, where 600 positions were created. The largest decline within durable goods was a decline of 300 in furniture and fixtures. Other sectors recorded smaller gains or losses.

While nondurable goods added close to as many jobs as the durable sector in May, the gains were concentrated primarily in two sectors. Food and kindred products rose by 1,200 over the month, due in large part to seasonal hiring in preserved fruits and vegetables. The other large increase in nondurables was a gain of 1,000 in petroleum and coal products, where employees idled during a labor-management dispute returned to work in May. Small declines in printing and publishing and in apparel and other finished textile products, each of which declined by 200 jobs had little impact on the much larger increases.

AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGE DROPS

The number of manufacturing production workers in Texas rose by 4,100 over the month, to 613,400 in mid-May. Average weekly hours declined by 0.6 hour in May, while average hourly earnings remained stable, resulting in a decline of $5.97 in average weekly wages. The average worker in May earned $9.95 per hour for a 41.2-hour work week, averaging $409.94 a week. Although average hours had also declined by 0.3 hour from May 1987, average hourly earnings had increased by 15¢ during this period, pushing the average weekly wage up a moderate $3.24.

TEC ACTIVITIES

	May 1988	May 1987
Total Population	16,872,300	16,772,400*
% UI Covered Unemployment	1.9	2.6
UI Covered Employers	314,277	316,831
Total Claims Actions	493,586	695,909
Total Initial Claims Actions	55,577	66,725
Total Cont'd. Claims Actions	438,009	629,184
Avg. Weekly Benefit Amount	$153.34	$158.35
Total Amount Paid (Net)**	$59,582,985	$92,286,648
Total Placements	32,724	26,460

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SUMMER JOBSEEKERS PUSH UNEMPLOYMENT UP

The Texas actual unemployment rate rose from 7.3 percent in May to 8.0 percent in June, as an additional 81,200 Texans were added to the number of people seeking work in June. Although the rate climbed seasonally over the month, the current rate was still well below the 9.6 percent recorded in June 1987 and was the lowest June rate since 1985. The largest portion of the gain in unemployment was among those 16-19 years old, who normally comprise a large portion of the summer jobseekers. This group increased by 58,600 over the month. Total employment in the actual series rose considerably over the month, to an estimated 7,910,900 in mid-June.

In the seasonally adjusted series, the State's unemployment rate actually declined between May and June, from 7.2 percent to 6.9 percent. The current rate in this series was also considerably lower than the year-ago rate of 8.6 percent. Nationally, the seasonally adjusted rate also decreased, from 5.6 percent to 5.3 percent in June. The actual rate inched upward over the month from 5.4 percent to 5.5 percent in mid-June.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES
(In Thousands)

	June 1988	May 1988	June 1987
United States (Actual)			
Labor Force	123,028.0	120,775.0	121,153.0
Unemployment	6,819.0	6,553.0	7,655.0
Percent Unemployed	5.5	5.4	6.3
Total Employment	116,209.0	114,222.0	113,498.0
United States (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	121,473.0	120,978.0	119,608.0
Unemployment	6,455.0	6,783.0	7,308.0
Percent Unemployed	5.3	5.6	6.1
Total Employment	115,018.0	114,195.0	112,300.0
State of Texas (Actual)			
Labor Force	8,596.7	8,333.8	8,352.4
Unemployment	685.8	604.6	803.2
Percent Unemployed	8.0	7.3	9.6
Total Employment	7,910.9	7,729.2	7,549.2
State of Texas (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	8,518.0	8,372.0	8,270.0
Unemployment	592.0	602.0	711.0
Percent Unemployed	6.9	7.2	8.6
Total Employment	7,926.0	7,770.0	7,559.0

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT INCREASES MODERATELY

Seasonal factors were the strongest influence on the change in the number of nonfarm salaried jobs in Texas between May and June. Total nonagricultural wage and salary employment increased by only 5,000 over the month, as sizeable gains in trade and services were partially offset by large declines in education. Both public and private schools and colleges lost jobs as the spring semester ended in late May or early June. Over 40,000 positions in education were deleted over the month.

Government recorded the biggest decreases as a result of the summer declines in education. Local government declined by 26,500 over the month, as schools closed for the summer. State schools and universities also cut staff at semester's end, causing state government to lose 8,400 jobs. The only sector of government which increased in June was federal government, with a modest gain of 900 jobs.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	June'88*	May'88**	June'87**	June'88*	May'88**	June'87**	June'88*	May'88**	June'87**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
TOTAL	49,300	49,500	47,700	78,900	78,700	77,200	343,600	352,000	349,100
Manufacturing	4,700	4,700	4,500	10,000	10,000	9,900	39,300	39,200	39,400
Mining	2,100	2,100	2,000	1,200	1,200	1,400	700	700	800
Construction	2,200	2,000	2,100	4,000	3,800	3,500	15,500	15,100	16,900
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,400	2,400	2,500	5,900	5,900	5,700	10,700	10,800	10,700
Trade	13,800	13,700	13,300	23,500	22,700	22,200	77,400	77,500	79,400
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,600	2,600	2,600	4,400	4,400	4,500	24,700	24,700	25,300
Services & Misc.	12,600	13,100	12,500	16,800	16,400	16,700	83,500	83,800	84,600
Government	8,900	8,900	8,200	13,100	14,300	13,300	91,800	100,200	92,000
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
TOTAL	129,200	129,400	127,800	58,400	58,200	56,600	67,700	67,100	65,800
Manufacturing	25,600	25,500	25,100	15,700	15,700	15,400	10,500	10,400	9,900
Mining	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,700	1,800	1,800	--	--	--
Construction	8,000	7,900	7,100	6,400	6,200	5,600	2,200	2,200	2,300
Trans., Comm., & Util.	9,600	9,500	9,800	2,300	2,300	2,300	3,100	3,100	3,100
Trade	31,400	31,400	31,700	11,000	11,000	11,000	17,600	17,400	17,400
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,300	5,300	5,300	2,000	2,000	2,100	3,500	3,500	3,500
Services & Misc.	28,200	27,900	27,900	8,100	8,100	7,800	15,000	13,900	14,100
Government	19,600	20,400	19,400	11,200	11,100	10,600	15,800	16,600	15,500
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS 2/		
TOTAL	45,700	48,000	45,300	124,600	125,200	123,100	1,333.2	1,332.5	1,332.5
Manufacturing	3,200	3,100	3,000	11,100	11,100	11,300	222.8	221.9	222.5
Mining	600	600	600	3,900	3,900	4,300	18.3	18.2	18.8
Construction	2,300	2,200	1,800	6,200	6,300	6,500	51.6	51.6	64.1
Trans., Comm., & Util.	1,600	1,700	1,600	6,900	6,900	6,900	92.2	91.6	89.4
Trade	9,500	9,600	9,600	32,600	32,400	31,800	350.2	348.5	345.6
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,700	1,600	1,800	7,000	7,000	6,900	128.6	128.7	134.1
Services & Misc.	8,600	8,700	8,200	29,100	29,500	27,700	323.2	320.5	310.8
Government	18,200	20,500	18,700	27,800	28,100	27,700	146.3	151.5	147.2
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
TOTAL	189,200	189,100	185,900	517,100	516,500	512,600	72,100	71,000	72,000
Manufacturing	37,700	37,700	36,100	119,000	117,600	110,300	8,600	8,500	8,600
Mining	--	--	--	3,600	3,600	3,700	600	600	600
Construction	9,400	9,200	9,700	19,500	19,700	25,100	2,900	2,900	3,700
Trans., Comm., & Util.	10,800	10,700	10,200	31,000	31,100	30,000	4,500	4,500	5,300
Trade	47,400	47,100	46,500	133,800	133,800	138,600	15,300	14,700	14,700
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	9,600	9,600	9,700	26,800	26,800	28,200	4,200	4,200	4,300
Services & Misc.	36,200	35,600	35,200	116,900	115,100	112,400	15,200	14,800	14,200
Government	38,100	39,200	38,500	66,500	68,800	64,300	20,800	20,800	20,600

The sharp declines in government dominated the total nonmanufacturing sector, holding employment growth to only 600 over the month despite increases in all other nonmanufacturing industry groups. Wholesale and retail trade generated the most growth in June, with 14,800 additional jobs. While all sectors except apparel and accessory stores recorded at least moderate gains, close to two-thirds of the gain in trade was concentrated in eating and drinking places. This sector rose by 9,300 over the month, and had the largest over-the-year increase of any individual industry sector.

Although educational services recorded a substantial downturn, losing 9,700 jobs, substantial growth occurred in most other services segments. Summer help hired by computer and data processing services provided the major boost in business and repair services. Staffing for summer activities sponsored by social service agencies pushed other services and miscellaneous up considerably. Other advances occurred in health services and in hotels and other lodging places. These increases pushed total employment in services up by 8,800 in June, despite the sharp decline in education.

Construction employment had its strongest upturn since July 1987, as 4,300 positions were added between May and June. Most of the increases were in road and highway building activities. Seasonal additions within trucking and warehousing were primarily responsible for the gain in transportation and public utilities, which rose by 2,800 over the month.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	June'88*	May'88**	June'87**	June'88*	May'88**	June'87**	June'88*	May'88**	June'87**
	HOUSTON 2/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO		
TOTAL	1,415.6	1,406.5	1,387.6	71,300	70,700	69,900	36,400	36,800	35,300
Manufacturing	151.1	150.3	144.7	8,500	8,100	8,200	1,700	1,600	1,800
Mining	64.2	63.3	61.5	100	100	100	1,900	1,900	1,900
Construction	84.6	83.3	83.2	3,600	3,500	3,500	1,300	1,300	1,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	99.4	99.0	98.1	2,800	2,700	2,700	5,000	4,900	4,400
Trade	358.4	354.7	350.3	16,600	16,400	16,000	10,700	10,600	10,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	97.4	96.7	103.2	2,900	2,900	3,000	1,700	1,700	1,600
Services & Misc.	372.7	369.8	360.7	15,700	15,600	15,300	6,000	6,100	5,900
Government	187.8	189.4	185.9	21,100	21,400	21,100	8,100	8,700	8,200
	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
TOTAL	66,100	65,700	64,000	91,900	92,800	89,700	89,500	90,000	87,000
Manufacturing	16,200	15,900	15,700	7,500	7,400	7,200	12,200	11,600	12,100
Mining	3,700	3,600	3,500	400	400	400	900	900	900
Construction	3,400	3,400	2,900	3,600	3,300	3,400	4,100	4,100	3,900
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,200	3,100	3,200	5,000	5,000	4,800	2,700	2,700	2,800
Trade	16,900	16,800	16,500	27,800	27,700	26,600	26,700	26,900	26,600
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,700	2,700	2,800	5,500	5,500	5,600	3,800	3,800	3,600
Services & Misc.	11,600	11,700	11,300	22,200	22,200	21,500	14,500	14,500	14,000
Government	8,400	8,500	8,100	19,900	21,300	20,200	24,600	25,500	23,100
	MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO		
TOTAL	44,900	44,700	42,700	43,500	43,400	42,100	36,500	36,300	36,000
Manufacturing	2,800	2,800	2,900	3,800	3,800	3,700	5,500	5,600	5,500
Mining	9,800	9,800	9,300	6,100	6,000	5,900	400	400	400
Construction	1,200	1,200	1,200	2,100	2,100	2,000	1,600	1,600	1,600
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,200	2,200	2,100	2,100	2,100	2,000	3,100	3,100	3,100
Trade	10,400	10,200	10,000	12,800	12,600	12,400	9,400	9,300	9,400
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,500	2,500	2,500	1,700	1,700	1,600	1,800	1,800	1,800
Services & Misc.	9,000	8,800	8,600	7,300	7,300	6,900	8,000	7,700	7,700
Government	7,000	7,200	6,100	7,600	7,800	7,600	6,700	6,800	6,500
	SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
TOTAL	508,400	510,800	500,600	38,200	38,200	37,200	45,100	45,000	45,400
Manufacturing	47,200	47,100	46,900	11,300	11,300	11,100	7,200	7,000	7,300
Mining	2,600	2,600	2,600	100	100	100	100	100	100
Construction	26,800	26,700	29,300	1,700	1,700	1,700	1,800	1,900	1,900
Trans., Comm., & Util.	18,300	18,100	18,200	2,000	2,000	2,000	1,800	1,700	1,800
Trade	133,300	132,500	130,400	8,400	8,300	8,300	10,700	10,600	10,600
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	40,300	40,100	40,100	1,800	1,700	1,700	1,900	1,800	1,900
Services & Misc.	12[illegible]800	126,100	120,300	8,600	8,800	8,100	9,600	9,600	9,400
Government	114,100	117,600	112,800	4,300	4,300	4,200	12,000	12,300	12,400
	TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO		
TOTAL	61,800	61,700	61,700	27,600	27,700	26,900	77,300	78,500	76,200
Manufacturing	10,500	10,500	10,700	3,100	3,100	2,900	14,900	14,900	14,800
Mining	2,000	2,000	1,900	1,500	1,400	1,400	100	100	100
Construction	2,300	2,300	2,200	1,800	1,800	1,900	3,700	3,700	3,500
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,700	2,700	2,900	1,500	1,500	1,500	3,300	3,300	3,300
Trade	16,800	16,500	16,600	7,700	7,800	7,600	19,200	19,100	18,900
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,600	3,600	3,700	1,600	1,600	1,500	4,700	4,700	4,700
Services & Misc.	14,800	14,900	14,700	5,800	5,800	5,700	19,700	20,300	19,000
Government	9,100	9,200	9,000	4,600	4,700	4,400	11,700	12,400	11,900
	WICHITA FALLS								
TOTAL	50,900	50,700	50,200						
Manufacturing	8,100	8,100	8,500						
Mining	1,900	2,000	1,900						
Construction	2,100	2,100	1,800						
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,600	2,600	2,600						
Trade	12,200	12,200	12,200						
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,400	2,300	2,300						
Services & Misc.	11,500	11,500	11,400						
Government	10,100	9,900	9,500						

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1/ Estimates prepared by TEC in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

2/ In Thousands.

TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY ESTIMATES 1/

Industry	June 1988*	May 1988**	June 1987**	Change From May 1988	Change From June 1987
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT±	6,592,300	6,587,300	6,483,800	5,000	108,500
Manufacturing	949,800	944,200	922,900	5,600	26,900
Durable Goods	546,700	544,600	525,600	2,100	21,100
Lumber & Wood Products	34,500	33,800	34,500	700	0
Logging Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills	6,600	6,400	6,900	200	-300
Furniture & Fixtures	15,600	16,300	16,100	-700	-500
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	43,500	43,000	43,800	500	-300
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Products	18,300	18,300	19,400	0	-1,100
Primary Metal Industries	28,800	28,500	26,700	300	2,100
Fabricated Metal Industries	75,800	75,100	71,600	700	4,200
Fabricated Structural Metal Products	35,600	35,600	35,100	0	500
Machinery, Except Electrical	101,900	102,100	98,300	-200	3,600
Oil Field Machinery	22,900	22,900	21,200	0	1,700
Electric & Electronic Equipment	118,000	117,500	115,900	500	2,100
Transportation Equipment	93,600	93,300	85,000	300	8,600
Aircraft & Parts	54,000	53,700	48,300	300	5,700
Instruments & Related Products	21,600	21,700	21,000	-100	600
Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries	13,400	13,300	12,700	100	700
Nondurable Goods	403,100	399,600	397,300	3,500	5,800
Food & Kindred Products	96,700	95,100	95,900	1,600	800
Meat Products	29,000	28,200	28,200	800	800
Dairy Products	4,700	4,600	4,700	100	0
Bakery Products	10,100	10,200	9,700	-100	400
Malt Beverages	3,000	3,000	3,100	0	-100
Textile Mill Products	4,000	4,000	4,000	0	0
Apparel & Other Finished Textile Products	54,800	54,700	53,100	100	1,700
Paper & Allied Products	25,900	25,700	24,300	200	1,600
Printing & Publishing	73,100	72,900	72,600	200	500
Newspaper, Periodicals, Books & Misc. Publ.	35,700	35,600	36,200	100	-500
Chemicals & Allied Products	74,600	73,600	74,500	1,000	100
Petroleum & Coal Products	32,100	31,800	33,000	300	-900
Petroleum Refining	28,700	28,600	29,700	100	-1,000
Leather & Leather Products	8,400	8,000	7,100	400	1,300
Other Nondurable Goods	33,500	33,800	32,800	-300	700
Total Nonmanufacturing	5,642,500	5,643,100	5,560,900	600	81,600
Mining	181,700	180,700	180,200	1,000	1,500
Metal & Coal & Nonmet. Mnrls., Exc. Fuel	9,700	9,700	10,200	0	-500
Oil & Gas Extraction	172,000	171,000	170,000	1,000	2,000
Construction	327,000	322,700	344,700	4,300	-17,700
Transportation & Public Utilities	389,800	387,000	383,800	2,800	6,000
Railroad Transportation	20,900	20,900	21,600	0	-700
Transportation, Except Railroads	208,500	206,200	201,000	2,300	7,500
Transportation by Air	61,600	61,300	56,000	300	5,600
Communication, Exc. U. S. Postal Service	84,300	84,400	84,600	-100	-300
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	76,100	75,500	76,600	600	-500
Electric Services	41,400	41,100	42,300	300	-900
Gas Production & Distribution	27,600	27,300	27,100	300	500
Wholesale & Retail Trade	1,669,000	1,654,200	1,641,200	14,800	27,800
Wholesale Trade	410,900	409,000	407,000	1,900	3,900
Retail Trade	1,258,100	1,245,200	1,234,200	12,900	23,900
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	45,300	44,900	46,700	400	-1,400
General Merchandise Stores	165,200	165,100	161,500	100	3,700
Food Stores	228,700	227,000	226,000	1,700	2,700
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	134,300	133,400	133,500	900	800
Apparel & Accessory Stores	77,500	77,600	82,500	-100	-5,000
Eating & Drinking Places	423,200	413,900	402,100	9,300	21,100
Other Retail Trade	183,900	183,300	181,900	600	2,000
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	441,200	439,500	444,300	1,700	-3,100
Banking	98,800	98,400	98,200	400	600
Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers	138,900	138,300	138,700	600	200
Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	203,500	202,800	207,400	700	-3,900
Services	1,490,100	1,481,300	1,437,800	8,800	52,300
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	83,200	80,900	84,400	2,300	-1,200
Personal Services	84,500	84,800	83,000	-300	1,500
Business & Repair Services	415,400	412,400	396,200	3,000	19,200
Amusement, Including Motion Pictures	59,200	58,300	56,100	900	3,100
Health Services	404,900	401,200	387,300	3,700	17,600
Educational Services	65,600	75,300	66,200	-9,700	-600
Other Services & Miscellaneous	377,300	368,400	364,600	8,900	12,700
Total Government	1,143,700	1,177,700	1,128,900	-34,000	14,800
Total Federal Government	191,500	190,600	197,000	900	-5,500
Total State Government	235,600	244,000	221,100	-8,400	14,500
Total Local Government	716,600	743,100	710,800	-26,500	5,800

1/ Estimated number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas without reference to place of residence of workers. ±Estimates of TEC in cooperation with Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.
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CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

	June'88*	May '88**	June'87**	June'88*	May '88**	June'87**	June'88*	May '88**	June'87**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	55,700	54,600	54,200	105,000	101,300	101,200	436,400	432,100	428,000
Total Unemployment	3,900	3,600	5,300	6,300	5,800	7,400	29,900	26,500	32,500
Percent Unemployed	7.0	6.6	9.8	6.0	5.7	7.3	6.9	6.1	7.6
Total Employment 2/	51,800	51,000	48,900	98,700	95,500	93,800	406,500	405,600	395,500
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	165,900	161,400	165,100	85,100	82,400	81,900	102,400	98,100	97,900
Total Unemployment	18,700	16,900	23,800	7,700	6,800	9,100	14,800	12,800	15,100
Percent Unemployed	11.3	10.5	14.4	9.0	8.3	11.1	14.5	13.0	15.4
Total Employment 2/	147,200	144,500	141,300	77,400	75,600	72,800	87,600	85,300	82,800
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	56,900	57,600	55,600	167,100	163,600	164,000	1,511.5	1,465.5	1,459.7
Total Unemployment	3,000	2,600	3,900	17,800	16,200	23,000	98.0	84.6	105.9
Percent Unemployed	5.3	4.5	7.0	10.7	9.9	14.0	6.5	5.8	7.3
Total Employment 2/	53,900	55,000	51,700	149,300	147,400	141,000	1,413.5	1,380.9	1,353.8
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
Total Civilian Labor Force	249,000	238,100	234,800	705,800	684,200	683,100	114,100	109,100	112,200
Total Unemployment	29,500	24,600	28,600	49,500	43,700	55,600	11,100	9,800	13,800
Percent Unemployed	11.8	10.3	12.2	7.0	6.4	8.1	9.7	9.0	12.3
Total Employment 2/	219,500	213,500	206,200	656,300	640,500	627,500	103,000	99,300	98,400
	HOUSTON 3/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	1,669.6	1,610.4	1,637.0	98,800	95,500	94,500	47,300	46,200	46,200
Total Unemployment	128.3	113.7	170.4	8,200	7,200	8,300	6,600	5,900	7,600
Percent Unemployed	7.7	7.1	10.4	8.3	7.5	8.8	14.0	12.8	16.5
Total Employment 2/	1,541.3	1,496.7	1,466.6	90,600	88,300	86,200	40,700	40,300	38,600
	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
Total Civilian Labor Force	82,300	79,400	80,900	117,300	114,800	111,600	152,700	148,800	145,200
Total Unemployment	7,600	6,800	10,000	7,100	6,200	8,000	24,000	22,600	25,100
Percent Unemployed	9.2	8.6	12.4	6.1	5.4	7.2	15.7	15.2	17.3
Total Employment 2/	74,700	72,600	70,900	110,200	108,600	103,600	128,700	126,200	120,100
	MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	51,400	49,800	51,000	56,300	54,100	55,100	47,000	45,900	45,700
Total Unemployment	3,200	3,000	5,500	4,600	4,000	7,200	3,100	2,800	3,200
Percent Unemployed	6.2	6.0	10.8	8.2	7.4	13.1	6.6	6.1	7.0
Total Employment 2/	48,200	46,800	45,500	51,700	50,100	47,900	43,900	43,100	42,500
	SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	647,200	628,500	612,500	51,700	50,500	48,900	60,200	58,900	58,400
Total Unemployment	56,400	49,200	55,400	3,500	3,100	4,200	5,200	4,900	5,400
Percent Unemployed	8.7	7.8	9.0	6.8	6.1	8.6	8.6	8.3	9.2
Total Employment 2/	590,800	579,300	557,100	48,200	47,400	44,700	55,000	54,000	53,000
	TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	79,200	76,800	78,600	37,900	36,800	37,600	95,800	93,700	92,900
Total Unemployment	6,500	5,700	7,700	3,000	2,600	4,000	7,700	6,600	8,300
Percent Unemployed	8.2	7.4	9.8	7.9	7.1	10.6	8.0	7.0	8.9
Total Employment 2/	72,700	71,100	70,900	34,900	34,200	33,600	88,100	87,100	84,600
	WICHITA FALLS						STATE OF TEXAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	60,100	58,500	58,400				8,596.7	8,333.8	8,352.4
Total Unemployment	3,700	3,600	5,200				685.8	604.6	803.2
Percent Unemployed	6.2	6.2	8.9				8.0	7.3	9.6
Total Employment 2/	56,400	54,900	53,200				7,910.9	7,729.2	7,549.2

1/ All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted).
2/ Includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes.
3/ In Thousands.
*Preliminary -- subject to revision. **Revised.

HOURS AND EARNINGS IN TEXAS*

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	June± 1988	May 1988	June 1987	June± 1988	May 1988	June 1987	June± 1988	May 1988	June 1987
FOR TEXAS									
MANUFACTURING TOTAL	$ 416.07	$ 410.11	$ 403.76	41.9	41.3	41.2	$ 9.93	$ 9.93	$ 9.80
Durable Goods	417.50	412.44	397.99	42.3	42.0	41.5	9.87	9.82	9.59
Lumber & Wood Products	302.57	288.46	274.40	42.2	40.8	40.0	7.17	7.07	6.86
Furniture & Fixtures	260.98	254.78	247.97	40.4	39.5	37.8	6.46	6.45	6.56
Stone, Clay & Glass Prods.	399.77	393.27	373.68	43.5	42.7	41.2	9.19	9.21	9.07
Primary Metal Industries	439.52	454.07	440.15	42.1	42.2	42.2	10.44	10.76	10.43
Fabricated Metal Products	384.42	379.53	367.33	43.0	42.5	41.6	8.94	8.93	8.83
Machinery, exc. Electric	425.43	427.68	417.06	42.8	43.2	42.0	9.94	9.90	9.93
Oil Field Machinery	499.40	519.95	492.80	45.4	46.3	42.3	11.00	11.23	11.65
Electric & Electronic Equip.	445.54	434.19	438.61	40.8	41.0	41.3	10.92	10.59	10.62
Transportation Equipment	577.92	560.26	515.14	44.8	43.6	43.0	12.90	12.85	11.98
Instruments & Related Prod.	359.90	357.60	356.53	39.9	40.0	40.7	9.02	8.94	8.76
Misc. Manufacturing Inds.	237.01	232.81	272.05	34.6	34.8	39.6	6.85	6.69	6.87
Nondurable Goods	413.41	408.24	412.46	41.3	40.5	41.0	10.01	10.08	10.06
Food & Kindred Products	332.42	333.74	339.48	41.5	40.7	41.0	8.01	8.20	8.28
Meat Products	257.09	256.41	255.45	41.2	40.7	39.0	6.24	6.30	6.55
Malt Beverages	844.03	808.83	839.45	47.1	45.8	47.4	17.92	17.66	17.71
Textile Mill Products	322.52	320.76	336.40	44.0	44.0	46.4	7.33	7.29	7.25
Apparel & Other Text. Prods.	194.25	187.56	197.28	37.5	36.0	36.0	5.18	5.21	5.48
Paper & Allied Products	491.66	483.96	445.36	44.9	44.4	41.7	10.95	10.90	10.68
Printing & Publishing	388.83	385.07	380.05	39.0	38.7	38.9	9.97	9.95	9.77
Chemicals & Allied Products	648.04	644.97	655.11	42.3	42.1	43.5	15.32	15.32	15.06
Petroleum & Coal Products	676.91	658.47	655.34	43.7	42.4	43.2	15.49	15.53	15.17
Petroleum Refining	699.20	677.39	678.24	43.7	42.1	43.2	16.00	16.09	15.70
Leather & Leather Products	231.21	222.14	226.40	38.6	38.7	40.0	5.99	5.74	5.66
Other Nondurable Goods	396.94	392.43	403.99	44.4	43.7	45.7	8.94	8.98	8.84
NONMANUFACTURING									
Mining	485.58	482.69	454.04	40.6	39.5	37.9	11.96	12.22	11.98
Met/Coal/Nonmet Mnrls. exc. Fuel	563.27	572.38	499.03	46.9	47.5	41.9	12.01	12.05	11.91
Oil & Gas Extraction	479.20	476.97	450.82	40.1	39.0	37.6	11.95	12.23	11.99
Commun., exc. U. S. Postal Service	489.84	488.28	500.45	39.0	39.0	40.1	12.56	12.52	12.48
Elec., Gas & San. Services	486.67	469.43	451.49	41.0	38.7	39.5	11.87	12.13	11.43
Wholesale & Retail Trade	228.90	228.10	228.15	32.7	32.4	32.5	7.00	7.04	7.02
Wholesale Trade	395.14	391.64	380.64	39.2	38.7	39.0	10.08	10.12	9.76
Retail Trade	178.98	179.04	182.07	30.7	30.5	30.6	5.83	5.87	5.95
General Merchandise Stores	178.44	175.60	193.30	29.3	28.6	29.2	6.09	6.14	6.62
Banking	260.11	257.39	257.35	37.0	36.1	36.4	7.03	7.13	7.07

HOURS AND EARNINGS
FOR SELECTED
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	June± 1988	May 1988	June 1987	June± 1988	May 1988	June 1987	June± 1988	May 1988	June 1987
DALLAS									
Manufacturing	$ 404.06	$ 399.23	$ 402.68	41.4	41.2	41.3	$ 9.76	$ 9.69	$ 9.75
Durable Goods	427.45	419.20	426.62	41.5	41.3	41.5	10.30	10.15	10.28
Nondurable Goods	368.87	368.67	362.78	41.4	41.1	40.9	8.91	8.97	8.87
FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON									
Manufacturing	452.84	440.15	400.61	42.6	41.8	41.3	10.63	10.53	9.70
Durable Goods	480.44	465.80	417.08	43.4	42.5	41.5	11.07	10.96	10.05
Nondurable Goods	381.92	373.60	358.63	40.5	40.0	40.8	9.43	9.34	8.79
HOUSTON									
Manufacturing	488.94	487.01	486.69	43.5	43.6	43.3	11.24	11.17	11.24
Durable Goods	421.86	416.92	409.70	44.5	44.4	42.9	9.48	9.39	9.55
Nondurable Goods	567.74	566.15	570.29	42.4	42.6	43.6	13.39	13.29	13.08
SAN ANTONIO									
Manufacturing	335.66	310.72	301.36	44.4	41.1	39.6	7.56	7.56	7.61
Durable Goods	321.20	335.37	326.14	40.0	41.2	39.2	8.03	8.14	8.32
Nondurable Goods	290.80	285.48	277.31	40.9	40.9	39.9	7.11	6.98	6.95

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*Figures for Texas and selected areas cover Production Workers in Manufacturing and Mining Industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings' averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift work. ±Preliminary -- subject to revision upon receipt of additional reports.

SOURCE: Texas Employment Commission in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

Finance, insurance and real estate reported moderate growth in each of its sectors in June, for a total increase of 1,700. Mining recorded its first advance in 1988, with 1,000 additional jobs in June. All of the increase occurred in the oil and gas extraction sector.

Both the durable and nondurable goods sectors of manufacturing experienced fairly strong gains over the month, pushing manufacturing up by 5,600. This sector has generated almost 27,000 jobs since June 1987 -- its best over-the-year performance thus far in 1988. Most of the changes in both durable and nondurable goods were moderate but widespread increases. In nondurable goods, there were two sizeable advances -- a gain of 1,600 in food and kindred products and 1,000 additions in chemicals and allied products. Other over-the-month changes were minor.

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Within durable goods, the largest increases occurred in lumber and wood products and in fabricated metal industries, each of which recorded 700 hires in June. Stone, clay and glass products gained 500 jobs over the month, as did electric and electronic equipment. The only sizeable downturn in this sector occurred in furniture and fixtures, which lost 700 jobs in June.

AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS RISE

There were an estimated 617,500 Texas manufacturing production workers in June, up 3,700 from the May level. In mid-June, the average production worker was working a 41.9-hour week at $9.93 per hour and averaging $416.07 in weekly earnings. Average hours worked per week rose by 0.6 hour over the month, while average hourly earnings remained unchanged. Due to the increase in hours worked, average weekly earnings were up $5.96 in June. Compared to June 1987, average weekly hours had risen by 0.7 hour, hourly earnings were up 13¢, and weekly earnings had increased by $12.31.

QUARTERLY UI BENEFITS PAID BY MSA
2ND QUARTER 1988
APRIL - JUNE

Abilene	992,290
Amarillo	1,656,130
Austin	9,242,910
Beaumont-Port Arthur	5,238,435
Brazoria PMSA	2,310,162
Brownsville-Harlingen	2,945,813
Bryan-College Station	671,301
Corpus Christi	4,391,836
Dallas PMSA	31,304,561
El Paso	5,913,021
Fort Worth-Arlington PMSA	16,037,229
Galveston-Texas City PMSA	3,218,052
Houston PMSA	36,173,671
Killeen-Temple	1,595,509
Laredo	1,212,721
Longview-Marshall	1,981,186
Lubbock	1,424,420
McAllen-Edinburg-Mission	4,317,849
Midland	838,367
Odessa	1,171,529
San Angelo	760,815
San Antonio	14,152,509
Sherman-Denison	951,698
Texarkana (Bowie Co. only)	806,057
Tyler	1,846,519
Victoria	733,538
Waco	1,901,383
Wichita Falls	1,132,792
State of Texas	184,900,647

TEC ACTIVITIES

	June 1988	June 1987
Total Population	16,880,600	16,780,700*
% UI Covered Unemployment	1.8	2.5
UI Covered Employers	312,430	315,473
Total Claims Actions	554,386	715,484
Total Initial Claims Actions	59,830	72,013
Total Cont'd. Claims Actions	494,556	643,471
Avg. Weekly Benefit Amount	$154.00	$158.73
Total Amount Paid (Net)**	$66,487,045	$92,913,259
Total Placements	40,946	31,655

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Labor Market Review

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STATE'S UNEMPLOYMENT RATE DROPS

The actual Texas unemployment rate declined significantly between June and July, dropping from 8.0 percent in June to 6.6 percent in mid-July. The current rate was over two full percentage points below the July 1987 rate of 8.7 percent and was the lowest actual rate since December 1985. There were an estimated 562,200 jobless Texans in July 1988, down over 120,000 from the June level. Total employment rose marginally over the month, to 7,929,800 in mid-July. The current figure was up substantially from the year-ago total.

While the large decline in joblessness over the month is encouraging, unemployment is often more volatile during this time of year. Some of those seeking summer work leave the labor force fairly quickly if they cannot find a job. In the seasonally adjusted series, the State's unemployment rate decreased moderately, from 6.9 percent in June to 6.3 percent in July. This is a further indication that much of the large decline in the actual series was due to seasonal factors. The seasonally adjusted rate for July was exactly two percentage points below the year-ago rate of 8.3 percent. Rates in both series for the Nation changed little over the month. The actual rate was stable between June and July, at 5.5 percent, and the seasonally adjusted rate inched upward from 5.3 percent in June to 5.4 percent in July. Current rates in both series were below the July 1987 levels.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES
(In Thousands)

	July 1988	June 1988	July 1987
United States (Actual)			
Labor Force	123,889.0	123,029.0	122,105.0
Unemployment	6,823.0	6,819.0	7,453.0
Percent Unemployed	5.5	5.5	6.1
Total Employment	117,066.0	116,209.0	114,652.0
United States (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	121,684.0	121,473.0	119,890.0
Unemployment	6,625.0	6,455.0	7,251.0
Percent Unemployed	5.4	5.3	6.0
Total Employment	115,059.0	115,018.0	112,639.0
State of Texas (Actual)			
Labor Force	8,492.0	8,596.7	8,492.9
Unemployment	562.2	685.8	741.3
Percent Unemployed	6.6	8.0	8.7
Total Employment	7,929.8	7,910.9	7,751.6
State of Texas (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	8,277.0	8,518.0	8,289.0
Unemployment	520.0	592.0	689.0
Percent Unemployed	6.3	6.9	8.3
Total Employment	7,757.0	7,926.0	7,600.0

NONFARM SALARIED JOBS DECLINE

Seasonal factors were primarily responsible for the loss of 38,700 nonagricultural wage and salary jobs between June and July. The mid-July estimate of 6,556,900 was, however, up by 88,100 from the July 1987 total. Although minor losses were recorded in several major industry sectors, the bulk of the over-the-month losses were due to summer layoffs of auxiliary staff (primarily other than teachers) in the educational sector of local government.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	July'88*	June'88**	July'87**	July'88*	June'88**	July'87**	July'88*	June'88**	July'87**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
TOTAL	49,000	49,300	47,400	78,000	78,800	76,800	340,700	343,400	343,400
Manufacturing	4,800	4,700	4,600	9,500	10,000	9,900	39,500	39,300	39,400
Mining	2,100	2,100	2,000	1,200	1,200	1,300	700	700	800
Construction	2,300	2,200	2,100	4,000	4,000	3,600	15,600	15,400	17,000
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,400	2,400	2,400	5,900	5,900	5,800	10,700	10,700	10,700
Trade	13,800	13,800	13,400	23,600	23,400	22,200	76,900	77,200	79,200
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,600	2,600	2,600	4,400	4,400	4,500	24,700	24,800	25,200
Services & Misc.	12,600	12,600	12,500	17,000	16,800	16,700	83,400	83,600	84,400
Government	8,400	8,900	7,800	12,400	13,100	12,800	89,200	91,700	86,700
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
TOTAL	128,900	129,500	127,900	57,600	58,600	56,000	66,800	67,500	65,500
Manufacturing	25,500	25,600	24,800	15,600	15,600	15,400	10,500	10,500	10,200
Mining	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,700	1,700	1,800	--	--	--
Construction	8,000	8,000	7,400	6,600	6,600	5,600	2,200	2,200	2,200
Trans., Comm., & Util.	9,800	9,800	9,900	2,300	2,300	2,300	3,100	3,100	3,200
Trade	31,600	31,500	32,200	10,900	11,100	11,000	17,700	17,600	17,900
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,300	5,300	5,300	2,000	2,000	2,100	3,500	3,500	3,500
Services & Misc.	28,200	28,200	28,000	8,100	8,100	7,700	15,200	15,000	14,300
Government	19,000	19,600	18,800	10,400	11,200	10,100	14,600	15,600	14,200
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS 2/		
TOTAL	46,100	45,700	46,300	123,500	124,500	122,600	1,331.5	1,333.7	1,329.0
Manufacturing	3,200	3,200	3,100	11,200	11,100	11,500	222.2	222.7	222.1
Mining	600	600	700	3,900	3,900	4,300	18.4	18.3	18.7
Construction	2,300	2,300	2,000	6,400	6,200	6,400	51.0	51.8	63.5
Trans., Comm., & Util.	1,600	1,600	1,600	7,000	6,900	7,100	92.9	92.2	89.9
Trade	9,500	9,600	9,600	32,600	32,700	32,000	352.7	350.9	345.7
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,600	1,600	1,800	6,900	7,000	7,000	129.3	128.5	133.7
Services & Misc.	8,400	8,500	8,700	28,900	29,100	27,600	321.7	322.7	313.5
Government	18,900	18,300	16,800	26,600	27,600	26,700	143.3	146.6	141.9
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
TOTAL	185,400	189,100	184,100	509,100	516,800	515,600	72,000	71,800	70,900
Manufacturing	36,300	37,800	36,600	112,700	118,600	113,200	8,400	8,600	8,700
Mining	--	--	--	3,600	3,600	3,600	500	600	600
Construction	9,500	9,400	10,000	19,600	19,600	25,400	2,900	2,900	3,700
Trans., Comm., & Util.	11,000	10,800	10,200	31,200	31,000	30,200	4,600	4,500	5,100
Trade	47,200	47,300	46,400	132,400	133,800	138,200	15,400	15,300	14,700
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	9,600	9,600	9,600	26,700	26,800	28,400	4,200	4,200	4,400
Services & Misc.	35,800	36,200	35,200	117,500	116,800	113,700	15,300	15,200	14,400
Government	36,000	38,000	36,100	65,400	66,600	62,900	20,700	20,500	19,300

Government lost 40,300 jobs over the month, as the local sector declined by 42,700 and federal government dropped by 800. A moderate increase in state government due to the beginning of the summer school semester had little effect on the overall downturn in government. Many of those laid off in local government were workers who were needed to perform maintenance or repair work after schools were adjourned for the summer.

Seasonal gains and losses were evident in the retail sector of trade, with declines more numerous in July. Wholesale and retail trade lost 2,100 jobs over the month, despite an increase of 1,100 in the wholesale segment. Within retail trade, the largest of the cutbacks occurred in eating and drinking places, which decreased by 3,500. General merchandise stores dropped by 1,000, due in part to personnel on vacation. The only sizeable increase was in automotive dealers and service stations, which benefitted from summer travelers.

Services provided the largest number of additional hires over the month, gaining 5,200 jobs. The expansion was concentrated in two sectors -- health services and business and repair services. Employment in health services continues to show the largest over-the-year growth of any industry. In July, the majority of the 5,300 health-related jobs added were either in hospitals or in physicians' and other practitioners' offices. Business and repair services gained 1,500 jobs, with all of the increase generated by business services. This sector normally accelerates in

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	July'88*	June'88**	July'87**	July'88*	June'88**	July'87**	July'88*	June'88**	July'87**
	HOUSTON 2/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO		
TOTAL	1,411.4	1,415.0	1,384.0	71,000	71,300	69,400	36,800	36,900	35,100
Manufacturing	151.2	151.0	145.5	8,500	8,500	8,100	1,700	1,800	1,800
Mining	64.1	64.1	62.5	100	100	100	1,900	1,900	2,000
Construction	86.7	85.4	84.8	3,600	3,600	3,600	1,300	1,300	1,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	99.5	99.1	98.5	2,800	2,800	2,700	5,000	5,000	4,500
Trade	359.5	359.4	350.3	16,500	16,600	16,000	10,700	10,600	10,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	97.1	97.0	102.8	2,900	2,900	3,000	1,700	1,700	1,600
Services & Misc.	374.9	372.4	361.6	15,600	15,700	15,100	6,000	6,100	5,800
Government	178.4	186.6	178.0	21,000	21,100	20,800	8,500	8,500	7,900
	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
TOTAL	65,800	66,000	63,900	92,200	91,900	89,500	87,200	89,500	84,500
Manufacturing	16,000	16,100	15,500	7,500	7,500	7,100	11,800	12,300	11,900
Mining	3,700	3,700	3,500	400	400	400	900	900	900
Construction	3,400	3,300	2,900	3,600	3,600	3,500	4,000	4,200	3,900
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,200	3,200	3,100	5,000	5,000	4,700	2,700	2,700	2,800
Trade	16,900	16,900	16,700	27,800	27,800	26,600	26,300	26,700	25,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,700	2,700	2,700	5,500	5,500	5,500	3,800	3,800	3,900
Services & Misc.	11,500	11,600	11,500	22,400	22,200	21,400	14,400	14,400	14,400
Government	8,400	8,500	8,000	20,000	19,900	20,300	23,300	24,500	21,600
	MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO		
TOTAL	44,700	45,000	42,500	43,000	43,800	41,300	35,900	36,400	35,600
Manufacturing	2,900	2,900	2,800	3,800	3,800	3,700	5,400	5,500	5,700
Mining	9,900	9,800	9,400	6,100	6,100	5,800	400	400	400
Construction	1,200	1,200	1,300	2,000	2,100	2,100	1,600	1,600	1,700
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,200	2,200	2,000	2,100	2,200	2,100	3,000	3,100	3,000
Trade	10,500	10,500	10,200	12,900	12,900	12,400	9,300	9,400	9,300
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,500	2,500	2,500	1,700	1,700	1,600	1,800	1,800	1,800
Services & Misc.	8,900	8,900	8,500	7,400	7,400	6,900	8,000	7,900	7,600
Government	6,600	7,000	5,800	7,000	7,600	6,700	6,400	6,700	6,100
	SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
TOTAL	505,300	509,400	498,200	37,900	38,300	37,200	44,500	45,400	45,300
Manufacturing	46,500	46,900	46,500	11,400	11,400	11,200	7,200	7,300	7,400
Mining	2,400	2,600	2,600	100	100	100	100	100	100
Construction	26,800	26,900	30,300	1,700	1,700	1,700	1,700	1,800	2,100
Trans., Comm., & Util.	18,400	18,300	18,400	2,100	2,000	2,000	1,900	1,800	1,800
Trade	134,400	133,500	131,400	8,300	8,500	8,400	10,700	10,900	10,700
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	40,900	40,500	40,100	1,800	1,800	1,700	1,900	1,900	1,900
Services & Misc.	126,600	126,200	120,500	8,400	8,500	8,000	9,700	9,600	9,400
Government	109,300	114,500	108,400	4,100	4,300	4,100	11,300	12,000	11,900
	TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO		
TOTAL	61,300	61,700	61,500	27,500	27,600	27,100	77,300	77,300	76,300
Manufacturing	10,400	10,400	10,900	3,100	3,100	2,700	14,900	15,000	14,800
Mining	2,000	2,000	1,900	1,700	1,600	1,600	100	100	100
Construction	2,400	2,300	2,200	1,800	1,800	1,800	3,900	3,700	3,700
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,700	2,700	2,900	1,500	1,500	1,500	3,300	3,300	3,300
Trade	16,800	16,800	16,600	7,600	7,700	7,900	19,200	19,100	19,000
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,600	3,600	3,700	1,600	1,600	1,500	4,700	4,700	4,800
Services & Misc.	14,700	14,800	14,700	5,700	5,900	5,700	19,800	19,700	19,100
Government	8,700	9,100	8,600	4,500	4,400	4,400	11,400	11,700	11,500
	WICHITA FALLS								
TOTAL	50,900	51,000	49,900						
Manufacturing	8,300	8,100	8,500						
Mining	1,900	1,900	1,900						
Construction	2,200	2,100	1,800						
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,600	2,600	2,600						
Trade	12,200	12,200	12,100						
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,300	2,400	2,400						
Services & Misc.	11,600	11,500	11,400						
Government	9,800	10,200	9,200						

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1/ Estimates prepared by TEC in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor, with specified exceptions.

2/ In Thousands.

TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY ESTIMATES 1/

Industry	July 1988*	June 1988**	July 1987**	Change From June 1988	Change From July 1987
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT±	6,556,900	6,595,600	6,468,800	-38,700	88,100
Manufacturing	942,800	949,900	926,800	-7,100	16,000
Durable Goods	541,500	547,300	528,500	-5,800	13,000
Lumber & Wood Products	34,400	34,600	33,900	-200	500
Logging Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills	6,600	6,600	6,600	0	0
Furniture & Fixtures	15,900	15,600	16,300	300	-400
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	43,200	43,400	43,800	-200	-600
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Products	18,100	18,300	19,200	-200	-1,100
Primary Metal Industries	28,700	28,800	26,600	-100	2,100
Fabricated Metal Industries	76,300	76,200	71,700	100	4,600
Fabricated Structural Metal Products	35,800	35,900	34,800	-100	1,000
Machinery, Except Electrical	101,600	101,900	97,800	-300	3,800
Oil Field Machinery	22,700	22,900	20,900	-200	1,800
Electric & Electronic Equipment	118,300	118,100	116,000	200	2,300
Transportation Equipment	88,400	93,600	88,800	-5,200	-400
Aircraft & Parts	49,100	54,000	51,700	-4,900	-2,600
Instruments & Related Products	21,700	21,700	21,300	0	400
Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries	13,000	13,400	12,300	-400	700
Nondurable Goods	401,300	402,600	398,300	-1,300	3,000
Food & Kindred Products	95,800	96,500	96,500	-700	-700
Meat Products	28,200	28,800	28,400	-600	-200
Dairy Products	4,700	4,700	4,700	0	0
Bakery Products	10,200	10,200	9,800	0	400
Malt Beverages	3,000	3,000	3,100	0	-100
Textile Mill Products	4,000	4,000	4,100	0	-100
Apparel & Other Finished Textile Products	54,100	54,700	53,100	-600	1,000
Paper & Allied Products	26,000	25,900	24,000	100	2,000
Printing & Publishing	73,700	73,100	72,800	600	900
Newspaper, Periodicals, Books & Misc. Publ.	35,700	35,400	36,600	300	-900
Chemicals & Allied Products	74,800	74,500	74,800	300	0
Petroleum & Coal Products	31,700	32,100	33,000	-400	-1,300
Petroleum Refining	28,300	28,700	29,700	-400	-1,400
Leather & Leather Products	8,400	8,400	7,200	0	1,200
Other Nondurable Goods	32,800	33,400	32,800	-600	0
Total Nonmanufacturing	5,614,100	5,645,700	5,542,000	-31,600	72,100
Mining	182,500	182,200	182,200	300	300
Metal & Coal & Nonmet. Mnrls., Exc. Fuel	9,600	9,700	10,100	-100	-500
Oil & Gas Extraction	172,900	172,500	172,100	400	800
Construction	328,000	326,600	350,700	1,400	-22,700
Transportation & Public Utilities	392,600	390,100	385,800	2,500	6,800
Railroad Transportation	20,800	20,800	21,600	0	-800
Transportation, Except Railroads	211,200	209,300	202,700	1,900	8,500
Transportation by Air	62,300	61,700	56,700	600	5,600
Communication, Exc. U. S. Postal Service	84,100	83,900	84,900	200	-800
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	76,500	76,100	76,600	400	-100
Electric Services	41,400	41,300	42,000	100	-600
Gas Production & Distribution	27,900	27,700	27,300	200	600
Wholesale & Retail Trade	1,668,000	1,670,100	1,642,200	-2,100	25,800
Wholesale Trade	412,900	411,800	407,200	1,100	5,700
Retail Trade	1,255,100	1,258,300	1,235,000	-3,200	20,100
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	44,900	45,400	46,400	-500	-1,500
General Merchandise Stores	165,600	166,600	162,200	-1,000	3,400
Food Stores	229,600	228,800	226,700	800	2,900
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	135,300	134,300	135,200	1,000	100
Apparel & Accessory Stores	77,700	77,600	80,700	100	-3,000
Eating & Drinking Places	418,700	422,200	401,500	-3,500	17,200
Other Retail Trade	183,300	183,400	182,300	-100	1,000
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	442,700	441,300	445,400	1,400	-2,700
Banking	99,000	98,900	98,500	100	500
Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers	139,400	138,900	139,300	500	100
Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	204,300	203,500	207,600	800	-3,300
Services	1,500,300	1,495,100	1,440,400	5,200	59,900
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	82,300	83,400	84,100	-1,100	-1,800
Personal Services	84,300	84,900	83,100	-600	1,200
Business & Repair Services	416,500	415,000	400,000	1,500	16,500
Amusement, Including Motion Pictures	62,100	62,000	55,400	100	6,700
Health Services	411,000	405,700	387,400	5,300	23,600
Educational Services	68,200	68,000	65,100	200	3,100
Other Services & Miscellaneous	375,900	376,100	365,300	-200	10,600
Total Government	1,100,000	1,140,300	1,095,300	-40,300	4,700
Total Federal Government	191,400	192,200	197,300	-800	-5,900
Total State Government	233,000	229,800	223,000	3,200	10,000
Total Local Government	675,600	718,300	675,000	-42,700	600

1/ Estimated number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas without reference to place of residence of workers. ±Estimates of TEC in cooperation with Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

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CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

	July'88*	June'88**	July'87**	July'88*	June'88**	July'87**	July'88*	June'88**	July'87**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	54,800	55,600	54,700	103,800	104,700	103,100	429,700	435,600	432,200
Total Unemployment	3,100	3,900	4,800	5,500	6,300	6,900	24,400	29,800	30,300
Percent Unemployed	5.7	7.0	8.8	5.3	6.0	6.7	5.7	6.8	7.0
Total Employment 2/	51,700	51,700	49,900	98,300	98,400	96,200	405,300	405,800	401,900
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	163,200	166,200	166,800	83,900	85,400	83,100	99,400	101,900	99,100
Total Unemployment	15,400	18,700	21,600	6,200	7,700	8,700	12,000	14,800	14,300
Percent Unemployed	9.4	11.3	12.9	7.4	9.0	10.5	12.1	14.5	14.4
Total Employment 2/	147,800	147,500	145,200	77,700	77,700	74,400	87,400	87,100	84,800
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	57,300	57,000	57,600	163,500	167,300	165,300	1,506.5	1,513.7	1,497.1
Total Unemployment	2,500	3,100	3,600	14,300	17,800	20,200	79.7	98.0	99.6
Percent Unemployed	4.4	5.4	6.3	8.7	10.6	12.2	5.3	6.5	6.7
Total Employment 2/	54,800	53,900	54,000	149,200	149,500	145,100	1,426.8	1,415.7	1,397.5
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
Total Civilian Labor Force	240,000	248,700	237,800	693,400	706,400	702,800	112,800	113,500	113,700
Total Unemployment	23,400	29,700	26,000	40,000	49,600	52,900	9,100	11,200	12,400
Percent Unemployed	9.8	11.9	10.9	5.8	7.0	7.5	8.1	9.9	10.9
Total Employment 2/	216,600	219,000	211,800	653,400	656,800	649,900	103,700	102,300	101,300
	HOUSTON 3/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	1,652.1	1,666.7	1,659.5	98,400	98,800	96,000	46,900	47,600	46,400
Total Unemployment	104.1	128.2	154.5	6,900	8,300	7,700	5,300	6,600	6,900
Percent Unemployed	6.3	7.7	9.3	7.0	8.4	8.0	11.3	13.9	14.9
Total Employment 2/	1,548.0	1,538.5	1,505.0	91,500	90,500	88,300	41,600	41,000	39,500
	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
Total Civilian Labor Force	81,400	82,000	81,800	117,600	117,400	114,600	145,900	152,800	142,700
Total Unemployment	6,400	7,600	9,100	5,900	7,100	7,700	21,600	23,900	25,900
Percent Unemployed	7.9	9.3	11.1	5.0	6.0	6.7	14.8	15.6	18.1
Total Employment 2/	75,000	74,400	72,700	111,700	110,300	106,900	124,300	128,900	116,800
	MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	50,800	51,100	51,200	55,200	56,100	54,700	46,300	46,800	46,100
Total Unemployment	2,700	3,100	4,800	3,800	4,500	6,100	2,600	3,000	2,900
Percent Unemployed	5.3	6.1	9.4	6.9	8.0	11.2	5.6	6.4	6.3
Total Employment 2/	48,100	48,000	46,400	51,400	51,600	48,600	43,700	43,800	43,200
	SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	640,600	648,900	626,800	51,100	51,400	50,400	59,500	60,400	59,000
Total Unemployment	46,800	56,400	51,700	2,900	3,400	4,000	4,600	5,200	4,900
Percent Unemployed	7.3	8.7	8.2	5.7	6.6	7.9	7.7	8.6	8.3
Total Employment 2/	593,800	592,500	575,100	48,200	48,000	46,400	54,900	55,200	54,100
	TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	78,100	79,100	79,800	37,500	37,800	38,100	94,600	95,600	94,100
Total Unemployment	5,300	6,400	7,100	2,300	3,000	3,400	6,100	7,700	7,700
Percent Unemployed	6.8	8.1	8.9	6.1	7.9	8.9	6.4	8.1	8.2
Total Employment 2/	72,800	72,700	72,700	35,200	34,800	34,700	88,500	87,900	86,400
	WICHITA FALLS						STATE OF TEXAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	59,800	60,400	59,300				8,492.0	8,596.7	8,492.9
Total Unemployment	3,100	3,700	4,600				562.2	685.8	741.3
Percent Unemployed	5.2	6.1	7.8				6.6	8.0	8.7
Total Employment 2/	56,700	56,700	54,700				7,929.8	7,910.9	7,751.6

1/ All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted).

2/ Includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes.

3/ In Thousands.

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HOURS AND EARNINGS IN TEXAS*

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	July± 1988	June 1988	July 1987	July± 1988	June 1988	July 1987	July± 1988	June 1988	July 1987
FOR TEXAS									
MANUFACTURING TOTAL	$ 418.84	$ 417.74	$ 405.00	41.8	41.9	41.2	$ 10.02	$ 9.97	$ 9.83
Durable Goods	410.75	419.34	395.52	41.7	42.4	41.2	9.85	9.89	9.60
Lumber & Wood Products	288.16	301.14	283.41	40.7	42.0	40.2	7.08	7.17	7.05
Furniture & Fixtures	270.76	261.53	251.25	41.4	40.8	38.3	6.54	6.41	6.56
Stone, Clay & Glass Prods.	399.67	398.74	399.28	42.7	43.2	43.4	9.36	9.23	9.20
Primary Metal Industries	453.88	445.84	444.36	42.3	42.3	42.0	10.73	10.54	10.58
Fabricated Metal Products	387.77	388.29	369.88	42.8	43.0	41.7	9.06	9.03	8.87
Machinery, exc. Electric	416.58	431.00	410.18	41.7	43.1	41.6	9.99	10.00	9.86
Oil Field Machinery	484.02	503.69	484.65	44.9	45.5	42.7	10.78	11.07	11.35
Electric & Electronic Equip.	426.13	441.31	423.74	39.9	40.9	39.9	10.68	10.79	10.62
Transportation Equipment	559.36	574.05	492.30	43.7	44.5	41.3	12.80	12.90	11.92
Instruments & Related Prod.	358.89	358.60	352.15	39.7	39.8	40.2	9.04	9.01	8.76
Misc. Manufacturing Inds.	240.30	234.57	269.01	35.6	34.7	39.1	6.75	6.76	6.88
Nondurable Goods	429.66	416.30	416.72	42.0	41.3	41.3	10.23	10.08	10.09
Food & Kindred Products	358.19	333.27	342.76	43.0	41.4	41.8	8.33	8.05	8.20
Meat Products	273.49	258.74	260.38	42.6	41.2	41.2	6.42	6.28	6.32
Malt Beverages	906.01	846.40	919.51	49.0	46.1	51.6	18.49	18.36	17.82
Textile Mill Products	315.92	326.78	337.96	43.1	44.4	47.4	7.33	7.36	7.13
Apparel & Other Text. Prods.	199.79	195.52	195.47	38.2	37.6	36.4	5.23	5.20	5.37
Paper & Allied Products	475.46	493.45	463.49	43.7	44.9	42.6	10.88	10.99	10.88
Printing & Publishing	395.58	380.93	392.63	39.4	38.4	39.7	10.04	9.92	9.89
Chemicals & Allied Products	657.77	648.61	657.73	42.3	42.2	43.3	15.55	15.37	15.19
Petroleum & Coal Products	761.90	724.56	671.44	47.5	45.8	44.0	16.04	15.82	15.26
Petroleum Refining	791.82	750.01	697.03	47.7	45.9	44.2	16.60	16.34	15.77
Leather & Leather Products	234.43	231.17	229.31	39.4	38.4	38.8	5.95	6.02	5.91
Other Nondurable Goods	394.20	396.04	397.82	43.8	44.3	44.4	9.00	8.94	8.96
NONMANUFACTURING									
Mining	536.74	486.39	497.17	42.7	40.6	41.5	12.57	11.98	11.98
Met/Coal/Nonmet Mnrls. exc. Fuel	567.85	563.06	539.45	47.4	47.0	45.6	11.98	11.98	11.83
Oil & Gas Extraction	533.83	480.40	494.40	42.3	40.1	41.2	12.62	11.98	12.00
Commun., exc. U.S. Postal Service	531.71	516.57	483.04	42.3	40.9	39.4	12.57	12.63	12.26
Elec., Gas & San. Services	498.19	486.67	448.33	41.9	41.0	39.5	11.89	11.87	11.35
Wholesale & Retail Trade	232.69	228.85	228.85	33.1	32.6	32.6	7.03	7.02	7.02
Wholesale Trade	399.68	393.90	379.65	39.3	39.0	38.7	10.17	10.10	9.81
Retail Trade	182.52	179.60	182.67	31.2	30.7	30.7	5.85	5.85	5.95
General Merchandise Stores	183.31	179.02	193.70	30.1	29.3	29.8	6.09	6.11	6.50
Banking	276.05	260.48	247.45	39.1	37.0	35.4	7.06	7.04	6.99

HOURS AND EARNINGS
FOR SELECTED
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

DALLAS									
Manufacturing	$ 403.50	$ 403.80	$ 405.98	41.3	41.5	41.3	$ 9.77	$ 9.73	$ 9.83
Durable Goods	425.18	425.79	429.31	41.4	41.5	41.6	10.27	10.26	10.32
Nondurable Goods	369.98	369.77	368.02	41.2	41.5	40.8	8.98	8.91	9.02
FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON									
Manufacturing	438.90	452.84	396.98	41.8	42.6	40.8	10.50	10.63	9.73
Durable Goods	461.25	484.20	408.24	42.2	43.7	40.5	10.93	11.08	10.08
Nondurable Goods	383.52	374.00	368.11	40.8	40.0	41.5	9.40	9.35	8.87
HOUSTON									
Manufacturing	492.75	491.37	487.30	43.3	43.6	43.2	11.38	11.27	11.28
Durable Goods	416.61	420.53	410.31	43.9	44.5	43.1	9.49	9.45	9.52
Nondurable Goods	581.06	573.82	574.18	42.6	42.6	43.4	13.64	13.47	13.23
SAN ANTONIO									
Manufacturing	297.83	305.47	295.62	39.5	40.3	39.0	7.54	7.58	7.58
Durable Goods	306.32	322.76	314.63	38.1	39.7	38.7	8.04	8.13	8.13
Nondurable Goods	288.86	288.75	277.07	40.8	40.9	39.3	7.08	7.06	7.05

*Figures for Texas and selected areas cover Production Workers in Manufacturing and Mining Industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings' averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift work. ±Preliminary -- subject to revision upon receipt of additional reports.

SOURCE: Texas Employment Commission in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

the summer months, due in part to increased hiring of temporary workers to replace vacationing staff.

Seasonal influences were also prominent in transportation and public utilities, as transportation (except railroads) provided the bulk of the 2,500 jobs added in July. Most of the growth in this sector was related to summer travelers. Construction added 1,400 positions, most of which were in masonry, stonework, plastering and concrete work.

Another 1,400 jobs were created in finance, insurance and real estate. The majority of this increase was among insurance companies and in real estate. Mining (which is primarily oil and gas extraction) remained basically stable between June and July, gaining 300 jobs.

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Manufacturing recorded its largest decline thus far in 1988 with the loss of 7,100 positions between June and July. This was only the second time this year that manufacturing has not gained jobs over the month. Although minor decreases were recorded in the majority of the industries, the primary source of the drop was transportation equipment. This sector recorded 5,200 cutbacks in July, due to a vacation shutdown in aircraft and parts. This large decline, along with small scattered layoffs in other segments, pushed employment down by 5,800 in durable goods.

Nondurable goods exhibited a more moderate loss of 1,300 jobs over the month. The two largest cutbacks were in food and kindred products (which lost 700 positions) and in apparel and other finished textile products (which decreased by 600 in July). A gain of 600 in printing and publishing was the largest increase in nondurable goods. Other changes in this sector were relatively minor.

AVERAGE HOURS DROP, EARNINGS RISE SLIGHTLY

The number of Texas manufacturing production workers declined by 5,700 over the month, to an estimated 611,400. In mid-July, the average worker was earning $10.02 an hour for a 41.8-hour week and averaging $418.84 per week. Average weekly hours inched downward from 41.9 hours in June to 41.8 hours in July, while average hourly earnings rose by 5¢ during this period. Average weekly earnings were up by only $1.10 over the month. Comparing current estimates with those for July 1987, average weekly hours were up 0.6 hour and hourly earnings had risen by 19¢, pushing the average weekly wage up by $13.84.

TEC ACTIVITIES

	July 1988	July 1987
Total Population	16,889,000	16,789,000*
% UI Covered Unemployment	1.7	2.3
UI Covered Employers	311,565	315,616
Total Claims Actions	481,010	714,860
Total Initial Claims Actions	60,015	71,796
Total Cont'd. Claims Actions	420,995	643,064
Avg. Weekly Benefit Amount	$152.76	$157.24
Total Amount Paid (Net)**	$55,115,918	$94,008,741
Total Placements	36,986	31,243

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Labor Market Review

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UNEMPLOYMENT INCHES UPWARD OVER MONTH

The actual Texas unemployment rate edged up from 6.6 percent in July to 6.7 percent in August, as the number of jobless Statewide rose by a moderate 5,700 over the month. The current rate was still well below the 8.3 percent recorded in August 1987 and was the lowest rate for August since 1985. Total employment in the actual series dropped slightly over the month, to an estimated 7,901,400 in mid-August. The current total was considerably above the year-ago level. According to Current Population Survey estimates, there were 198,000 agricultural workers in Texas in August.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES
(In Thousands)

	Aug. 1988	July 1988	Aug. 1987
United States (Actual)			
Labor Force	123,396.0	123,889.0	121,615.0
Unemployment	6,659.0	6,823.0	7,088.0
Percent Unemployed	5.4	5.5	5.8
Total Employment	116,737.0	117,066.0	114,527.0
United States (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	122,031.0	121,684.0	120,306.0
Unemployment	6,851.0	6,625.0	7,256.0
Percent Unemployed	5.6	5.4	6.0
Total Employment	115,180.0	115,059.0	113,050.0
State of Texas (Actual)			
Labor Force	8,469.3	8,492.0	8,440.1
Unemployment	567.9	562.2	697.7
Percent Unemployed	6.7	6.6	8.3
Total Employment	7,901.4	7,929.8	7,742.4
State of Texas (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	8,381.0	8,277.0	8,354.0
Unemployment	567.0	520.0	695.0
Percent Unemployed	6.8	6.3	8.3
Total Employment	7,814.0	7,757.0	7,659.0

In the seasonally adjusted series, the State unemployment rate rose from 6.3 percent in July to 6.8 percent in August. The current rate was down substantially from August 1987's 8.3 percent. The lower rates experienced this summer compared to those in 1987 are indicative of a gradually improving Texas economy. Rates in both series for the Nation were almost unchanged over the month. The actual U. S. rate inched downward from 5.5 percent to 5.4 percent in August, while the seasonally adjusted rate rose slightly from 5.4 percent to 5.6 percent. Both rates were below those for August 1987.

NONFARM SALARIED JOBS DECLINE MODERATELY

The number of nonagricultural wage and salary jobs in Texas dropped by 2,500 between July and August, totaling 6,579,900 in mid-August. Much of the decrease was due to fairly small seasonal layoffs in several sectors of the State's economy. Despite the monthly decline, the count of nonfarm salaried jobs was up over 120,000 from the August 1987 level. Only construction, mining and finance, insurance and real estate had lost jobs over the past year.

Manufacturing exhibited the strongest expansion between July and August, adding 1,700 jobs. In nonmanufacturing, the largest increase was in transportation and

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	Aug.'88*	Jul.'88**	Aug.'87**	Aug.'88*	Jul.'88**	Aug.'87**	Aug.'88*	Jul.'88**	Aug.'87**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
TOTAL	48,900	49,000	47,500	77,200	77,800	77,200	339,100	340,300	342,700
Manufacturing	4,800	4,800	4,600	9,600	9,600	10,000	39,700	39,600	39,600
Mining	2,100	2,100	2,000	1,200	1,200	1,200	700	700	800
Construction	2,400	2,300	2,100	4,000	4,000	3,900	15,500	15,600	17,100
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,400	2,300	2,300	5,800	5,800	5,800	10,600	10,700	10,800
Trade	13,800	13,800	13,400	23,200	23,500	22,400	77,000	77,000	79,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,600	2,600	2,700	4,300	4,400	4,500	24,700	24,700	25,100
Services & Misc.	12,600	12,700	12,600	16,800	16,900	16,500	83,000	83,300	84,400
Government	8,200	8,400	7,800	12,300	12,400	12,900	87,900	88,700	85,800
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
TOTAL	128,300	128,500	127,500	57,900	57,700	56,300	66,800	66,700	65,800
Manufacturing	25,400	25,500	24,800	15,700	15,600	15,400	10,600	10,600	10,300
Mining	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,600	1,700	1,800	--	--	--
Construction	8,200	8,100	7,500	6,700	6,600	5,700	2,100	2,200	2,100
Trans., Comm., & Util.	9,800	9,900	9,800	2,300	2,300	2,300	3,300	3,100	3,400
Trade	31,400	31,300	32,100	11,100	10,900	11,100	17,700	17,700	17,800
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,300	5,300	5,300	2,000	2,000	2,100	3,500	3,500	3,500
Services & Misc.	27,900	27,900	28,000	8,100	8,100	7,700	15,100	15,000	14,300
Government	18,800	19,000	18,500	10,400	10,500	10,200	14,500	14,600	14,400
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS 2/		
TOTAL	46,400	46,200	45,500	124,300	123,700	122,100	1,329.1	1,331.4	1,326.0
Manufacturing	3,100	3,200	3,100	11,500	11,300	11,300	222.5	222.4	221.6
Mining	600	600	600	4,100	3,900	4,200	18.3	18.4	18.6
Construction	2,300	2,300	2,100	6,400	6,100	6,300	50.4	51.0	63.0
Trans., Comm., & Util.	1,700	1,700	1,600	7,100	7,100	7,200	93.0	92.9	90.0
Trade	9,700	9,500	9,700	32,700	32,600	32,200	352.6	352.5	345.7
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,600	1,600	1,800	7,000	7,000	6,900	128.5	129.2	133.6
Services & Misc.	8,500	8,400	8,500	29,200	29,200	27,500	320.3	321.3	313.8
Government	18,900	18,900	18,100	26,300	26,500	26,500	143.5	143.7	139.7
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
TOTAL	186,900	187,200	185,600	513,400	513,900	516,200	71,600	71,900	71,200
Manufacturing	38,000	37,900	37,800	119,000	118,200	114,700	8,400	8,400	8,500
Mining	--	--	--	3,700	3,600	3,600	600	500	600
Construction	9,200	9,500	10,000	19,500	19,400	25,600	2,800	2,900	3,600
Trans., Comm., & Util.	11,000	11,000	10,400	31,000	31,100	30,400	4,400	4,600	5,200
Trade	47,200	47,400	46,300	132,500	132,500	138,100	15,300	15,400	14,600
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	9,600	9,600	9,600	26,800	26,900	28,300	4,100	4,100	4,200
Services & Misc.	36,000	35,900	35,200	116,500	117,500	113,200	15,200	15,300	14,400
Government	35,900	35,900	36,300	64,400	64,700	62,300	20,800	20,700	20,100

public utilities, which rose by a moderate 800 in August. The majority of the gain was in transportation, except railroads, which continued to benefit from summer travelers.

Construction activity tapered off from its relatively strong gains in June and July, adding only 600 jobs in August. The only other increase in nonmanufacturing occurred in finance, insurance and real estate. Insurance carriers, agents and brokers added 200 jobs while banking added 100 and the other finance, insurance and real estate sector declined by 100, leaving the industry as a whole up only 200 over the month.

The biggest downturn in August was in services, where 2,800 jobs were cut. The largest of the declines was in amusement, including motion pictures, which lost 700 jobs as some outdoor parks began reducing staff. Personal services dropped 600 positions over the month. The largest decrease was in other services and miscellaneous, where civic, social and fraternal organizations' summer activities drew to a close. Health services continued to generate substantial growth, with 1,200 additions in August.

Government lost 1,500 jobs over the month, with the bulk of the cuts in the local government sector. This was primarily due to layoffs of personnel in schools and colleges between the end of summer school and the beginning of fall staffing.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	Aug.'88*	Jul.'88**	Aug.'87**	Aug.'88*	Jul.'88**	Aug.'87**	Aug.'88*	Jul.'88**	Aug.'87**
	HOUSTON 2/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO		
TOTAL	1,416.0	1,416.2	1,380.5	70,900	70,800	69,000	36,900	36,900	34,900
Manufacturing	151.6	151.4	146.6	8,400	8,500	8,000	1,700	1,700	1,900
Mining	65.3	64.0	62.8	100	100	100	1,900	1,900	2,000
Construction	87.7	86.9	84.6	3,600	3,600	3,600	1,300	1,300	1,200
Trans., Comm., & Util.	99.9	99.9	98.1	2,800	2,800	2,700	5,000	5,000	4,500
Trade	358.9	359.4	350.5	16,600	16,400	16,100	10,700	10,700	10,200
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	97.7	98.1	101.8	2,900	2,900	2,900	1,700	1,700	1,600
Services & Misc.	374.5	375.0	360.2	15,500	15,600	15,000	6,100	6,000	5,800
Government	180.4	181.5	175.9	21,000	20,900	20,600	8,500	8,600	7,700
	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
TOTAL	65,400	65,700	63,800	92,400	92,100	89,500	88,000	86,400	84,600
Manufacturing	15,900	16,000	15,700	7,400	7,400	7,000	11,400	11,300	11,700
Mining	3,600	3,700	3,600	400	400	400	900	900	800
Construction	3,400	3,400	2,800	3,600	3,600	3,400	4,100	4,100	3,900
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,200	3,200	3,100	5,100	5,000	4,700	2,900	2,700	2,800
Trade	17,000	17,000	16,600	27,900	27,800	26,800	26,400	25,900	25,000
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,700	2,700	2,700	5,500	5,500	5,500	3,700	3,800	3,800
Services & Misc.	11,500	11,600	11,400	22,500	22,400	21,400	15,000	14,400	14,400
Government	8,100	8,100	7,900	20,000	20,000	20,300	23,600	23,300	22,200
	MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO		
TOTAL	44,400	44,600	43,000	42,800	42,900	41,700	36,300	36,000	35,600
Manufacturing	2,800	2,900	2,900	3,800	3,800	3,700	5,600	5,400	5,600
Mining	9,700	9,900	9,700	5,900	6,100	5,900	400	400	400
Construction	1,200	1,200	1,300	2,100	2,000	2,100	1,600	1,600	1,600
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,200	2,200	2,100	2,100	2,100	2,100	3,000	3,000	3,100
Trade	10,500	10,400	10,200	12,900	12,900	12,400	9,500	9,300	9,400
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,500	2,500	2,500	1,700	1,700	1,600	1,800	1,800	1,800
Services & Misc.	8,900	8,900	8,600	7,400	7,400	7,100	8,000	8,000	7,600
Government	6,600	6,600	5,700	6,900	6,900	6,800	6,400	6,500	6,100
	SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
TOTAL	504,800	504,400	497,100	38,100	37,900	37,500	44,400	44,500	45,200
Manufacturing	46,200	46,600	46,300	11,400	11,400	11,200	7,200	7,100	7,400
Mining	2,600	2,500	2,500	100	100	100	100	100	100
Construction	26,400	26,500	31,000	1,800	1,700	1,700	1,700	1,700	2,200
Trans., Comm., & Util.	18,200	18,400	18,400	2,100	2,000	2,000	1,800	1,900	1,800
Trade	135,100	134,300	131,500	8,300	8,300	8,400	10,800	10,700	10,600
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	40,900	40,800	40,200	1,800	1,800	1,700	1,900	1,900	1,900
Services & Misc.	126,300	126,100	119,600	8,500	8,500	8,300	9,700	9,800	9,300
Government	109,100	109,200	107,600	4,100	4,100	4,100	11,200	11,300	11,900
	TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO		
TOTAL	61,200	61,300	61,000	27,200	27,300	27,200	77,000	77,000	75,400
Manufacturing	10,400	10,400	10,800	2,900	3,000	3,000	14,900	14,900	15,100
Mining	1,800	2,000	1,900	1,500	1,600	1,600	100	100	100
Construction	2,400	2,300	2,200	1,800	1,800	1,700	4,000	3,900	3,600
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,700	2,700	2,800	1,600	1,500	1,500	3,300	3,300	3,200
Trade	16,800	16,800	16,600	7,700	7,600	7,800	19,100	19,100	18,900
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,700	3,600	3,700	1,600	1,600	1,500	4,700	4,700	4,700
Services & Misc.	14,700	14,700	14,500	5,700	5,700	5,800	19,800	19,600	18,800
Government	8,700	8,800	8,500	4,400	4,500	4,300	11,100	11,400	11,000
	WICHITA FALLS								
TOTAL	50,700	50,800	49,700						
Manufacturing	8,300	8,300	8,500						
Mining	1,900	1,900	1,900						
Construction	2,200	2,200	1,700						
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,600	2,600	2,600						
Trade	12,200	12,200	12,100						
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,400	2,300	2,400						
Services & Misc.	11,500	11,500	11,400						
Government	9,600	9,800	9,100						

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2/ In Thousands.

TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY ESTIMATES 1/

Industry	Aug. 1988*	Jul. 1988**	Aug. 1987**	Change From Jul. 1988	Change From Aug. 1987
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT±	6,579,900	6,582,400	6,457,500	-2,500	122,400
Manufacturing	949,300	947,600	932,500	1,700	16,800
Durable Goods	547,400	546,700	532,200	700	15,200
Lumber & Wood Products	33,800	34,400	33,800	-600	0
Logging Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills	6,500	6,600	6,500	-100	0
Furniture & Fixtures	16,300	15,900	16,800	400	-500
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	43,000	43,200	43,900	-200	-900
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Products	17,900	18,100	19,200	-200	-1,300
Primary Metal Industries	28,800	28,700	27,000	100	1,800
Fabricated Metal Industries	76,200	76,300	72,300	-100	3,900
Fabricated Structural Metal Products	35,900	35,900	35,100	0	800
Machinery, Except Electrical	101,800	101,700	98,700	100	3,100
Oil Field Machinery	22,800	22,900	21,300	-100	1,500
Electric & Electronic Equipment	118,700	118,300	116,100	400	2,600
Transportation Equipment	93,700	93,600	89,500	100	4,200
Aircraft & Parts	54,500	54,400	52,000	100	2,500
Instruments & Related Products	21,700	21,700	21,300	0	400
Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries	13,400	12,900	12,800	500	600
Nondurable Goods	401,900	400,900	400,300	1,000	1,600
Food & Kindred Products	95,700	95,500	97,900	200	-2,200
Meat Products	28,000	28,300	29,200	-300	-1,200
Dairy Products	4,700	4,700	4,700	0	0
Bakery Products	10,200	10,200	9,800	0	400
Malt Beverages	3,000	3,000	3,100	0	-100
Textile Mill Products	4,000	4,000	4,100	0	-100
Apparel & Other Finished Textile Products	54,100	54,200	53,900	-100	200
Paper & Allied Products	26,100	26,000	24,000	100	2,100
Printing & Publishing	74,000	73,600	73,100	400	900
Newspaper, Periodicals, Books & Misc. Publ.	35,900	35,700	36,600	200	-700
Chemicals & Allied Products	75,000	74,800	74,500	200	500
Petroleum & Coal Products	31,500	31,600	32,700	-100	-1,200
Petroleum Refining	28,100	28,300	29,500	-200	-1,400
Leather & Leather Products	8,400	8,300	7,400	100	1,000
Other Nondurable Goods	33,100	32,900	32,700	200	400
Total Nonmanufacturing	5,630,600	5,634,800	5,525,000	-4,200	105,600
Mining	181,700	182,200	181,900	-500	-200
Metal & Coal & Nonmet. Mnrls., Exc. Fuel	9,500	9,600	9,900	-100	-400
Oil & Gas Extraction	172,200	172,600	172,000	-400	200
Construction	329,000	328,400	350,800	600	-21,800
Transportation & Public Utilities	393,300	392,500	385,900	800	7,400
Railroad Transportation	20,800	20,800	21,600	0	-800
Transportation, Except Railroads	211,600	210,900	203,100	700	8,500
Transportation by Air	62,800	62,400	57,100	400	5,700
Communication, Exc. U. S. Postal Service	84,400	84,400	84,800	0	-400
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	76,500	76,400	76,400	100	100
Electric Services	41,300	41,300	41,900	0	-600
Gas Production & Distribution	27,900	27,900	27,300	0	600
Wholesale & Retail Trade	1,666,900	1,667,900	1,641,600	-1,000	25,300
Wholesale Trade	411,600	411,800	408,500	-200	3,100
Retail Trade	1,255,300	1,256,100	1,233,100	-800	22,200
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	45,000	45,100	45,700	-100	-700
General Merchandise Stores	167,500	166,000	163,400	1,500	4,100
Food Stores	228,600	229,700	225,700	-1,100	2,900
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	135,400	135,500	134,000	-100	1,400
Apparel & Accessory Stores	78,300	77,700	80,400	600	-2,100
Eating & Drinking Places	417,100	419,000	401,400	-1,900	15,700
Other Retail Trade	183,400	183,100	182,500	300	900
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	442,500	442,300	444,300	200	-1,800
Banking	99,000	98,900	98,200	100	800
Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers	139,500	139,300	139,100	200	400
Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	204,000	204,100	207,000	-100	-3,000
Services	1,499,400	1,502,200	1,436,500	-2,800	62,900
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	83,400	83,000	83,300	400	100
Personal Services	83,800	84,400	82,400	-600	1,400
Business & Repair Services	417,700	417,400	399,800	300	17,900
Amusement, Including Motion Pictures	61,800	62,500	55,500	-700	6,300
Health Services	412,600	411,400	388,900	1,200	23,700
Educational Services	67,800	68,100	65,800	-300	2,000
Other Services & Miscellaneous	372,300	375,400	360,800	-3,100	11,500
Total Government	1,117,800	1,119,300	1,084,000	-1,500	33,800
Total Federal Government	191,600	191,500	196,300	100	-4,700
Total State Government	233,800	234,100	220,300	-300	13,500
Total Local Government	692,400	693,700	667,400	-1,300	25,000

1/ Estimated number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas without reference to place of residence of workers. ±Estimates of TEC in cooperation with Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.
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CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

	Aug.'88*	Jul.'88**	Aug.'87**	Aug.'88*	Jul.'88**	Aug.'87**	Aug.'88*	Jul.'88**	Aug.'87**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	54,800	54,900	54,500	103,100	103,800	103,400	426,700	428,300	429,800
Total Unemployment	3,100	3,100	4,500	5,600	5,500	6,700	24,700	24,400	29,000
Percent Unemployed	5.7	5.6	8.3	5.4	5.3	6.5	5.8	5.7	6.7
Total Employment 2/	51,700	51,800	50,000	97,500	98,300	96,700	402,000	403,900	400,800
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	162,800	163,400	165,100	83,900	84,000	82,900	100,100	99,800	99,500
Total Unemployment	15,500	15,400	20,100	6,200	6,200	8,000	12,500	12,000	13,400
Percent Unemployed	9.5	9.4	12.2	7.4	7.4	9.7	12.5	12.0	13.5
Total Employment 2/	147,300	148,000	145,000	77,700	77,800	74,900	87,600	87,800	86,100
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	57,300	57,400	56,500	162,900	163,400	163,000	1,496.3	1,501.9	1,487.1
Total Unemployment	2,400	2,500	3,200	13,800	14,300	18,600	80.7	79.6	95.2
Percent Unemployed	4.2	4.4	5.7	8.5	8.8	11.4	5.4	5.3	6.4
Total Employment 2/	54,900	54,900	53,300	149,100	149,100	144,400	1,415.6	1,422.3	1,391.9
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
Total Civilian Labor Force	241,900	241,700	238,200	695,400	697,100	698,700	112,200	112,600	113,900
Total Unemployment	24,300	23,500	25,000	40,500	40,100	49,300	9,100	9,100	12,200
Percent Unemployed	10.0	9.7	10.5	5.8	5.8	7.1	8.1	8.1	10.7
Total Employment 2/	217,600	218,200	213,200	654,900	657,000	649,400	103,100	103,500	101,700
	HOUSTON 3/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	1,654.6	1,659.5	1,647.0	98,500	98,500	95,600	46,800	47,000	45,600
Total Unemployment	103.2	104.4	144.8	7,200	6,900	7,600	5,200	5,300	6,400
Percent Unemployed	6.2	6.3	8.8	7.3	7.0	7.9	11.1	11.3	14.0
Total Employment 2/	1,551.4	1,555.1	1,502.2	91,300	91,600	88,000	41,600	41,700	39,200
	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
Total Civilian Labor Force	81,000	81,600	81,300	117,500	117,400	114,400	145,600	143,400	142,000
Total Unemployment	6,300	6,400	8,500	6,000	5,900	7,200	23,200	21,500	25,500
Percent Unemployed	7.8	7.8	10.5	5.1	5.0	6.3	15.9	15.0	18.0
Total Employment 2/	74,700	75,200	72,800	111,500	111,500	107,200	122,400	121,900	116,500
	MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	50,600	50,900	51,100	54,600	55,000	54,000	46,400	46,500	46,000
Total Unemployment	2,600	2,700	4,300	3,800	3,700	5,400	2,700	2,600	2,800
Percent Unemployed	5.1	5.3	8.4	7.0	6.7	10.0	5.8	5.6	6.1
Total Employment 2/	48,000	48,200	46,800	50,800	51,300	48,600	43,700	43,900	43,200
	SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	637,400	637,900	621,600	51,200	51,200	50,200	59,100	59,200	58,700
Total Unemployment	47,200	46,700	49,300	3,000	2,900	3,800	4,600	4,500	4,600
Percent Unemployed	7.4	7.3	7.9	5.9	5.7	7.6	7.8	7.6	7.8
Total Employment 2/	590,200	591,200	572,300	48,200	48,300	46,400	54,500	54,700	54,100
	TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	78,100	78,300	79,300	37,500	37,400	37,900	93,900	94,600	93,600
Total Unemployment	5,500	5,300	6,900	2,400	2,300	3,200	6,100	6,100	7,600
Percent Unemployed	7.0	6.8	8.7	6.4	6.1	8.4	6.5	6.4	8.1
Total Employment 2/	72,600	73,000	72,400	35,100	35,100	34,700	87,800	88,500	86,000
	WICHITA FALLS						STATE OF TEXAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	59,200	59,700	58,700				8,469.3	8,492.0	8,440.1
Total Unemployment	3,200	3,200	4,400				567.9	562.2	697.7
Percent Unemployed	5.4	5.4	7.5				6.7	6.6	8.3
Total Employment 2/	56,000	56,500	54,300				7,901.4	7,929.8	7,742.4

1/ All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted).

2/ Includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes.

3/ In Thousands.

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HOURS AND EARNINGS IN TEXAS*

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Aug.± 1988	July 1988	Aug. 1987	Aug.± 1988	July 1988	Aug. 1987	Aug.± 1988	July 1988	Aug. 1987
FOR TEXAS									
MANUFACTURING TOTAL	$ 416.17	$ 418.84	$ 409.08	41.7	41.8	41.7	$ 9.98	$ 10.02	$ 9.81
Durable Goods	410.89	412.98	404.07	41.8	41.8	41.7	9.83	9.88	9.69
Lumber & Wood Products	293.04	288.67	285:53	41.1	40.6	40.5	7.13	7.11	7.05
Furniture & Fixtures	275.70	271.83	258.86	41.9	41.5	39.4	6.58	6.55	6.57
Stone, Clay & Glass Prods.	392.28	398.14	397.63	42.5	42.4	43.6	9.23	9.39	9.12
Primary Metal Industries	441.19	450.29	437.85	42.3	42.4	41.7	10.43	10.62	10.50
Fabricated Metal Products	395.45	386.91	368.67	43.6	42.8	41.1	9.07	9.04	8.97
Machinery, exc. Electric	417.90	416.17	419.76	42.0	41.7	42.4	9.95	9.98	9.90
Oil Field Machinery	481.10	479.60	497.80	44.3	44.0	43.4	10.86	10.90	11.47
Electric & Electronic Equip.	424.91	429.07	434.42	40.2	40.1	40.6	10.57	10.70	10.70
Transportation Equipment	550.39	565.40	532.17	42.6	44.0	43.8	12.92	12.85	12.15
Instruments & Related Prod.	361.82	363.49	364.34	39.5	39.9	40.8	9.16	9.11	8.93
Misc. Manufacturing Inds.	251.20	250.34	271.66	36.3	36.6	39.2	6.92	6.84	6.93
Nondurable Goods	421.64	425.52	413.92	41.5	41.8	41.6	10.16	10.18	9.95
Food & Kindred Products	356.16	358.24	340.59	42.4	42.8	42.1	8.40	8.37	8.09
Meat Products	274.07	266.24	259.08	42.1	41.6	40.8	6.51	6.40	6.35
Malt Beverages	891.50	967.30	839.45	49.5	52.4	47.4	18.01	18.46	17.71
Textile Mill Products	336.45	315.19	323.82	45.1	43.0	45.1	7.46	7.33	7.18
Apparel & Other Text. Prods.	199.02	199.02	206.36	38.2	38.2	38.5	5.21	5.21	5.36
Paper & Allied Products	478.69	479.81	465.66	44.2	44.1	42.8	10.83	10.88	10.88
Printing & Publishing	398.56	393.79	388.87	39.5	39.3	39.6	10.09	10.02	9.82
Chemicals & Allied Products	633.35	652.55	653.18	41.1	42.1	43.2	15.41	15.50	15.12
Petroleum & Coal Products	720.69	729.76	655.78	45.7	46.1	43.2	15.77	15.83	15.18
Petroleum Refining	745.10	754.91	674.24	45.6	46.2	43.0	16.34	16.34	15.68
Leather & Leather Products	240.39	234.62	224.46	39.8	39.3	38.5	6.04	5.97	5.33
Other Nondurable Goods	391.00	392.45	395.14	43.3	43.8	44.1	9.03	8.96	8.96
NONMANUFACTURING									
Mining	485.06	507.16	481.52	39.5	40.9	40.6	12.28	12.40	11.86
Met/Coal/Nonmet Mnrls. exc. Fuel	568.34	566.18	549.17	47.6	47.3	46.5	11.94	11.97	11.81
Oil & Gas Extraction	478.47	502.58	477.17	38.9	40.4	40.2	12.30	12.44	11.87
Commun., exc. U. S. Postal Service	517.30	522.05	487.04	40.7	41.4	39.5	12.71	12.61	12.33
Elec., Gas & San. Services	462.00	495.81	455.40	38.5	41.7	39.6	12.00	11.89	11.50
Wholesale & Retail Trade	230.16	231.99	235.10	32.6	33.0	33.3	7.06	7.03	7.06
Wholesale Trade	398.22	401.25	387.30	38.7	39.3	39.2	10.29	10.21	9.88
Retail Trade	180.18	181.62	188.37	30.8	31.1	31.5	5.85	5.84	5.98
General Merchandise Stores	170.24	179.70	207.30	29.1	29.9	31.6	5.85	6.01	6.56
Banking	259.20	278.07	270.34	36.0	39.0	38.4	7.20	7.13	7.04

HOURS AND EARNINGS
FOR SELECTED
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

DALLAS									
Manufacturing	$ 408.51	$ 404.89	$ 407.83	41.6	41.4	41.7	$ 9.82	$ 9.78	$ 9.78
Durable Goods	427.87	425.79	430.76	41.5	41.5	41.7	10.31	10.26	10.33
Nondurable Goods	376.13	372.11	369.82	41.7	41.3	41.6	9.02	9.01	8.89
FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON									
Manufacturing	447.72	447.94	408.95	42.0	42.1	41.1	10.66	10.64	9.95
Durable Goods	473.03	470.90	425.80	42.5	42.5	41.3	11.13	11.08	10.31
Nondurable Goods	384.05	386.63	366.71	40.9	41.0	40.7	9.39	9.43	9.01
HOUSTON									
Manufacturing	489.99	495.19	487.38	43.4	43.4	43.4	11.29	11.41	11.23
Durable Goods	428.80	416.54	415.94	44.9	43.8	43.6	9.55	9.51	9.54
Nondurable Goods	561.70	584.73	568.08	41.7	42.9	43.2	13.47	13.63	13.15
SAN ANTONIO									
Manufacturing	299.77	298.94	304.84	39.6	39.7	40.7	7.57	7.53	7.49
Durable Goods	314.24	310.23	318.24	38.7	38.3	39.0	8.12	8.10	8.16
Nondurable Goods	285.63	287.82	292.29	40.4	41.0	42.3	7.07	7.02	6.91

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*Figures for Texas and selected areas cover Production Workers in Manufacturing and Mining Industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings' averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift work. ±Preliminary -- subject to revision upon receipt of additional reports.

SOURCE: Texas Employment Commission in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

Wholesale and retail trade declined by 1,000 over the month, with losses in both sectors. Retail businesses were responsible for the majority of the losses. Eating and drinking places continued to drop, as 1,900 jobs were cut. Employment in food stores decreased by 1,100 in August. A sizeable increase in general merchandise stores and a smaller one in apparel and accessory stores nullified only a portion of the larger downturns.

Following three consecutive months of modest increases, mining (primarily oil and gas extraction) declined in August by 500 jobs. Although none of the gains or losses over the month were particularly large, the seasonal declines in services, government and trade left nonmanufacturing 4,200 below its July level in mid-August.

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Moderate but widespread increases in both durable and nondurable goods pushed employment in manufacturing up by 1,700, to an estimated 949,300 in mid-August. This was the largest increase registered by a major industry group over the month. Manufacturing has generated close to 17,000 additional jobs during the past year, for a 1.8 percent growth rate. Between July and August, nondurable goods posted the biggest gain with 1,000 additions, as all but two of its sectors registered modest increases. The biggest advance was 400 jobs added in printing and publishing. Smaller growth occurred in food and kindred products, chemicals and allied products, and in the other nondurable goods sector. The only downturns in nondurable goods were in petroleum and coal products and apparel and other finished textile products.

Mixed gains and losses in durable goods held growth to only 700 in August. Lumber and wood products dropped 600 jobs over the month as a large plant closed. Smaller decreases were experienced in stone, clay and glass products and in fabricated metal industries. Offsetting these losses were gains of 400 jobs in furniture and fixtures and in electric and electronic equipment. Smaller increases occurred in most other segments of durable goods.

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS SLIP DOWNWARD

The estimated 617,100 manufacturing production workers in Texas in August averaged a 41.7 hour work-week at $9.98 an hour, and averaged $416.17 a week in earnings. The number of production workers rose by 2,500 between July and August. Average weekly hours slid downward by only 0.1 hour over the month, while average hourly earnings declined by 4¢. Between August 1987 and August 1988, weekly hours were unchanged while hourly earnings had risen by 17¢, pushing average weekly earnings up by $7.09 over the year.

TEC ACTIVITIES

	Aug. 1988	Aug. 1987
Total Population	16,897,300	16,797,300*
% UI Covered Unemployment	1.6	2.2
UI Covered Employers	311,425	315,218
Total Claims Actions	547,055	600,979
Total Initial Claims Actions	61,515	60,654
Total Cont'd. Claims Actions	485,540	540,325
Avg. Weekly Benefit Amount	$150.93	$155.36
Total Amount Paid (Net)**	$64,005,905	$77,587,349
Total Placements	38,784	25,553

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